

# Summer

## Lawn Care Maintenance

### Early Summer Lawn Maintenance

Early summer or late spring lawn maintenance in Calgary involves fertilizing and treating to get your grass prepped to handle the heat. The rule of thumb is that you want to wait until the soil warms and when the grass is actively growing. If you fertilize or treat your lawn when it's dormant or partially dormant, the treatment won't be as effective as waiting a little longer to begin.

Early summer lawn care involves:

#### aeration

Alleviates compaction, allowing water, air, and nutrients to reach grass roots



#### fertilizing

Provides lawns with the nutrients it needs to support growth and promote healthy roots.



#### weed control

It's important to seek the help of a professional for weed control to avoid harming the surrounding grass.



#### mowing

Cut the grass at a higher length to prevent soil exposure, which can dry out your lawn. Leave the clippings on the lawn to help feed the grass.



#### watering

Water consistently to support root growth.



### Mid-summer lawn maintenance

Over the duration of summer, it's all about being attentive to your lawn with consistent mowing and watering. If you begin to notice brown patches or dryer areas, you'll want to call lawn care services as it could be a sign of insect infestation or other treatable issues.

Mid-summer lawn care involves:

#### 01 mowing

Cut at a high length and be sure to sharpen your mower blades, as dull blades can damage the grass.



#### 02 watering

Continue to water deeply, at least one inch of water per week. A thorough watering once a week for about an hour is better than light sprinkling several times a week.



pro tip

We recommend watering your lawn in the early morning hours to give the water a chance to soak before the hot sun dries it out.

#### 03 feeding

Continue to work with your lawn care company throughout the summer, as they can determine if your lawn needs mid-summer feeding to support growth.



### Late summer lawn maintenance

After months of sun exposure, foot traffic, and insect or pest activity, your lawn has gone through a lot over the season. Keep in mind that although the summer months are coming to an end, your lawn care continues to be just as important.

Once August rolls around, here's what you'll need to do to maintain a healthy lawn:

assess your grass and look for any trouble areas

rake falling leaves

apply fertilizer if and where needed

continue with weed control

continue to mow and water as needed

overseed before winter

pro tip

the best time to seed in Calgary is mid-August to the end of September.

