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# Inspection Times

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## ASK THE INSPECTOR...

### Question

**Our lawn looked terrible last year especially during the summer months! What can we do to make our yard the envy of the neighborhood this year – and every year?**

### Answer

It's easy to spend a lot of money on grass and still not have the lawn of your dreams. But if you follow these steps, you'll move closer to your goal and won't spend a lot of money.

1. Have your mower professionally sharpened twice a year or whenever you have nicks in the blade. Sharpen when you see dry, stringy tops on grass mowed yesterday.
2. Mow in the morning or in the evening and mow back to three-inch high grass when blades reach 4.5 inches. Measure it. Three-inch grass will have a better root system and look thicker.
3. Water well about once a week. Less water is needed in very humid weather. Try not to walk on freshly watered grass. It compacts the soil.
4. Make spot repairs. Find a place in your yard to grow grass that can be cut out to fill bare spots. To make the repair, take up a few inches of grass on either side of damaged turf. Make sure the soil underneath is not compacted. The ground should be workable down to three inches. Mix the soil with compost and water it. Cut a patch of sod leaving no more than 3/4-inch of soil below the grass, and fit the new piece into place. If you are repairing a wider area, stagger the ends from row to row. Don't kneel on the new sod. Then go over the area with a lawn roller.

## ATTRACTING BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

Establishing a small wildlife sanctuary in your backyard will reward you by attracting a variety of birds and butterflies for you to enjoy viewing. Many will visit, and some may actually stay to nest and rear their young in your backyard. You will want to create a yard or garden that will attract birds and butterflies and make them feel at home.

Bright blooms on flowers such as zinnias and flowers with crunchy seeds, like sunflowers, attract birds. Hummingbirds like red or orange flowers says Sally Roth author of *Attracting Birds to Your Backyard* (Rodale). They especially like cone or trumpet shaped flowers.

Butterflies like purple as in phlox or lilac. They also like coneflower, coreopsis, cosmos, petunia, zinnia, and weeds.

Birds like a mix with seeds like sunflower and millet. Butterflies like to sip on a piece of ripe melon. Butterflies enjoy a clay saucer filled with stones and a little water or a muddy spot. For birds, let the hose drip into a shallow birdbath.



If you have questions about home inspections or home maintenance, Ask the Inspector!

**Call Pete Jung at 301-351-1113**

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