



SPRING TO-DO LIST FOR A HEALTHY LAWN

☐ Read your soil test.

- If you haven't done a soil test within the past three years, do one now (cost: \$10-\$18). Make plans for what your lawn will need this year. The health of your lawn is tied to the health of your soil.



☐ Feed your soil. If you are just transitioning from chemical fertilizers, or want to improve the health of your lawn:

- Aerate and topdress the lawn with well-aged compost in early spring.
- Apply compost tea once a month to boost important soil microorganisms.



☐ Mow smart.

- Mower blades should be sharpened after every 10-12 hours of use. Buy a second blade, and swap them out between sharpening.
- Set your mower blade to cut higher than 3 or 4 inches. A longer lawn is healthier and will reduce weeds.
- Always leave grass clippings. They're free fertilizer.



☐ Remove weeds.

- Hand pull weeds you don't want, but allow clover to grow. If you mow high, overseed and care for your soil, your lawn will outcompete the weeds.



☐ Avoid unnecessary watering.

- Frequent, shallow watering actually encourages weeds.
- If watering during dry spells, water deeply to encourage healthy root growth.



YOUR SPRING GUIDE TO ORGANIC LAWN CARE!

Start the year off right to ensure a lush, green lawn.

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- ✓ Feed your soil.
- ✓ Mow smart.
- ✓ Remove weeds.

Talk to your lawn care provider about organic options.

WHY SWITCH TO ORGANIC LAWN CARE?

- ✓ Healthier for your kids
- ✓ Healthier for your pets
- ✓ Healthier for your lawn
- ✓ Healthier for the environment



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