

# Lawn Mowing – Getting the Basics Right

Getting on top of your lawn mowing routine is essential for helping to create a beautiful, healthy, low maintenance lawn.

Regular mowing helps keep weeds down, minimises grubs, makes the lawn less susceptible to disease and promotes healthy coverage by sending nutrients from the grass cuttings back into the soil. Plus a freshly mowed lawn just looks and smells great.

Different lawn varieties have different mowing requirements but there are some basic standards. Knowing these fundamentals will make a big difference to the health and appearance of your lawn!



## Tip #1. Mow at the right height for your grass type

The proper height for mowing your lawn depends on your grass variety, season and growing conditions.

Below is a rough guide for the correct mowing heights for the major different varieties of lawn grass:

<b>Grass Variety</b>	<b>Lawn Mowing Height</b>
Sir Walter Buffalo Grass	30-50mm
Nullarbor Couch Grass	15-30mm
Eureka Kikuyu Grass	30-50mm
Platinum Zoysia Grass	20-30mm

## Tip #2: Don't mow your lawn too short

Don't mow your lawn too short as this can put your lawn under extreme stress. It can leave brown or bare looking patches on your lawn, and if cut too short regularly, can seriously deplete the lawn's energy reserves and is an open invitation for weeds to invade and seed.

## Tip #3: Reduce mowing height gradually

If your lawn is overgrown, gradually reduce it to the correct height over a few mows. Avoid taking too much off the leaf blade in one go as this can stress the grass and it may require additional irrigation to recover. Taking no more than one-third of the blade length each mow is a good general rule.

## Tip #4: Mow your lawn regularly

Avoid long periods between mows – regular mowing is best. Keep in mind that your mowing routine may also need to change with the seasons. Sir Walter, for example, loves hot summers and will have vigorous growth during this time.

## Tip #5: Keep your lawn mower blades sharp

Keep your mower well maintained; sharp blades are crucial for a good cut. Blunt blades tend to tear, rather than cut the lawn.