

Yard Care

TIPS & TRICKS

- 1. Don't mow too short!** Keeping your backyard lawn cut too short will invite more weeds. For warm weather grass, keep your lawn height between 1 – 2”.
- 2. Do water early in the morning.** It's best to water before 0900. Evening watering can begin at 1700. This way your lawn can absorb the most amount of water without the sun evaporating it. Water your lawn until the moisture gets about six inches into the soil.
- 3. Don't water every day.** Not only will you help conserve water but infrequent watering will help keep your lawn drought resistant.
- 4. Don't Slip and Slide.** It's a guaranteed way to ruin all your hard work.
- 5. Do give container gardens special attention.** Plants growing in containers and hanging baskets don't have the luxury of sending their roots far and wide in search of water and nutrients. During the heat of summer, plan to water containers frequently—sometimes twice a day, if the pot is small or you've packed plants closely together.
- 6. Don't use or store fertilizers or herbicides in or on the premises.** One exception is plant food for the indoor plants and seasonal fertilizer for annuals, perennials and fenced backyard areas.
- 7. Do maintain and enjoy your flower beds.** Keep existing plants trimmed and consider adding a little color each year by planting some annuals.
- 8. Don't create new planting beds or introduce perennials without written approval.**
- 9. Do get in some good barefoot time.** Nothing beats wiggling your toes on your hard-earned green.

Many questions regarding ground maintenance can be answered in the Community Handbook, section 21.