Strengthen your Lawn for the Spring

As winter ends, preparing your dormant grass to grow bright green in the spring is very important. We have found tips that will help your grass grow strong and bright when the spring weather arrives.

- **Fertilizer** gives nutrients to help grow thick grass and fight against environmental stresses.
- Water your lawn between 4am and 10am is best due to the cooler air. Also water long enough to moisten 6 inches into the ground.
- Cut lawn to the proper height to avoid “scalping” which causes the lawn to grow slower and also increase the chances of weed growth.
- Applying weed control to your lawn will help decrease the amount of weeds that will infect your regular grass.
PROPER GRASS CUTTING HEIGHTS

SUMMER GRASSES
- Common Bermuda: 2 inches
- Hybrid Bermuda: 1 to 1 1/2 inches
- Centipede: 1 1/2 to 2 inches
- St. Augustine: 2 to 2 1/2 inches
- Zoysia: 1 to 2 inches

EVERGREEN GRASSES
- Kentucky 31 Tall Fescue: 3 to 3 1/2 inches
- Turf-type Tall Fescue: 3 inches
- Fine Fescues: 1 1/2 to 2 inches

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Other Tips for you . . .

- Servicing your mower and keeping the blades sharp will help keep your grass growing strong throughout the year.

- When you “De-Thatch” your yard, you are cleaning up old organic material on your lawn that will stop nutrients and water from penetrating the soil if they aren’t removed. You can use a “Toe Behind” that will rake up all the loose pieces of lawn.