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# Simple Steps Towards Organic Lawn Care

## *Yearly Schedule*

### **FIRST STEPS:**

#### **EARLY MARCH - END APRIL**

*ASSESS YOUR LAWN - ITS NEEDS/YOUR NEEDS*

Sharpen Mower Blades

Soil Test

Clean-Up (Power Rake/Aerate)

Soil Amendments *after* Test Results

Organic Fertilizer

Re-Seed or Corn Gluten

Top Dress with Compost

First Mowing at 2 inches

#### **SECOND STEPS: APRIL-JUNE**

Raise Mower Height for Subsequent Cuts

(3-3.5 inches)

Use Proper Mowing Techniques

Continue to Sharpen Blades

Scout for Weeds

Mechanical Weed Control

Continue Re-seeding Bare Spots

Monitor for Insect Problems

#### **THIRD STEPS: JUNE-AUGUST**

Understand Natural Summer Stresses/Dormancy

One Time Application Milky Spore

Continue to Monitor for Insects/

Disease Problems

Apply Beneficial Nematodes (if Necessary)

*\* Do this at the beginning of each step.*

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Possible Topdressing with Rock Minerals  
Continue to Mow High /Sharpen Blades  
Leave Clippings on Lawn  
Water Properly - if You Must

**FOURTH STEPS:  
MID-AUGUST TO MID-  
SEPTEMBER**

Soil Test (if Not Done in Spring)  
Aerate (if Not Done in Spring & Necessary)  
Best Time to Lime (if Necessary)  
Best Time to Fertilize (if Necessary)  
Best Time for Seeding or Re-Seeding  
Top Dress with Compost (if Necessary)

**FIFTH STEPS: OCTOBER  
AND NOVEMBER**

Continue to Mow While Grass Grows  
Final Mow - Reduce Height to 2 inches  
New Lawns or Lawns Over-Seeded in Early  
Fall, Apply Organic Fertilizer at 1/2 rate  
Remove Leaves as They Accumulate  
or Use Mulching Mower and  
Leave on Lawn

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**A Living Lawn...**  
*A Lawn for Living*



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