

HOW TO MAINTAIN THE LAWN

Nothing finishes a gorgeous garden quite like a lovely lawn – cut it, clear it and give it some TLC for beautifully manicured, healthy grass that's the envy of the neighbourhood. Then roll out the deckchairs, sit back and enjoy.



CUT YOUR LAWN

STEP 1 Gather up any sticks, stones or other debris. Tidy away any toys and put away the washing line as you will want a clear run for a trouble-free mowing session.

STEP 2 Tackle any areas of long grass first. Set the mower to its maximum cutting height, then mow several times, gradually reducing the cutting height at each pass.

STEP 3 A medium height cut is usually the best plan. Too short and you may damage the grass; too long and you'll have to do the job again before you know it.

STEP 4 For a professional finish, mow in straight lines in a series of overlapping strips. Always mow across the face of any slopes, rather than up and down.

STEP 5 Don't forget the edges. Tidying up borders with a pair of long-handled lawn edging shears makes the job look just like a professional did it.

SCARIFY YOUR LAWN

STEP 1 Maintaining a healthy lawn is all in the detail. Scarifying will clear out all the dead grass, weeds and moss to ensure a perfect finish and promote good grass growth.

STEP 2 Before you begin, make sure the lawn is clear of any obstructions.

STEP 3 Work carefully and steadily in the direction of the usual mowing pattern.

AERATE YOUR LAWN

STEP 1 Aerating a lawn will improve drainage and reduce water run-off to ensure good growth and a fine finish that you'll be proud to show off.

STEP 2 Make sure the lawn is clear before you start, then aerate in straight lines following the mowing pattern.

STEP 3 For that professional looking finish, use a garden roller to smooth down the lawn surface.



TOP TIPS

1 Reduce the risk of electric shock by always using a suitable RCD plug.

2 Keep the work area tidy – it's easier and safer if you clear up as you go along.

3 When using gardening equipment, always use the correct protective equipment. If you're not sure, ask HSS Home for advice.

4 For the first cut of the season, leave the grass a little longer than usual to assist with water retention and healthy growth throughout the summer months.

5 Using a water-filled garden roller? Make sure the barrel is empty as you move it onto your lawn, then proceed to fill it with water.

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