

A Healthy Lawn Without Pesticides

We all want a lush green healthy lawn which is free of weeds. With the new laws that came into effect this past April, some of us are left wondering what it is we can do to remove the weeds from our lives without the use of chemicals. There are a few things in which you can do to promote vigorous growth of your lawn, in turn, choking out existing weeds and avoiding weed seeds to germinate.

Grass grows best in soil which is biologically active. Where organisms like, earthworms, break down organic material so the nutrients are slowly released to the grass root zone. We also add nutrients to the soil by applying fertilizer to our lawns like 21-7-7 or 6-12-12.

Each species of grass found in your lawn has a range of optimal mowing heights. By mowing the grass at the high end of this scale allows the grass to develop a deeper root system, which in turn, will help tolerate drought, heat, shade, disease and pests. In spring and early summer you may need to mow more often than you would in the heat of the summer. Grasscycling is a practice some people use to add nutrient to their lawn. After mowing, leave the grass clippings, they will break down, adding to the nutrient level in the soil.

It is important not to under or over water your lawn. Under watering causes the grass to form a shallow root system and over watering leaches nutrients from the soil which promote some weeds to grow. To test if your lawn needs water push a screw driver in it. If it goes in easy the soil is still wet if it takes a little effort it is time to water.