

Spring Tips for a Healthier Mountain Lakes Community

What we do to our lawn impacts our neighbors, woodlands and lakes. We invite you to stop and think about your spring routine.

TIP 1

Focus on healthy soil to get healthy grass.

The most effective lawn care is tailored to the actual needs of your grass. To find out what your grass needs, order a soil test kit from Rutgers, www.njaes.rutgers.edu. It's low cost and comes with access to a Master Gardener hotline for lawn questions. The test will include recommendations to adjust pH and nutrient levels if necessary.



TIP 2

Keep your grass tall.

Grass that is 2.5. to 3.5 inches tall will shade out weeds and reduce the amount of water your lawn needs.



TIP 3

Fertilize less.

Spring and fall are the best times to fertilize your yard. Adding more during July and August isn't necessary. Excess nutrients from fertilizer can feed algae blooms in our lakes. Consider organic fertilizer or a soil enhancer like Mirimichi.



TIP 4

Cut it and leave it.

Grass clippings are 80 to 85 percent water. They contain valuable nutrients and decompose quickly. Mow with a mulching blade that leaves smaller particles. As a reminder, grass clippings are not accepted at the Borough's recycling yard, and it is a violation to town ordinance to dump leaves or any debris in our woodlands and pocket parks.



Learn more...

Join our education session with a Master Gardener
at the Mountain Lakes Library side room on Thursday,
May 18th, at 7:30 pm.