

MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS: EXPERT TIPS

CUTTING GRASS IN THE SUMMER

Keep your grass green &
healthy

A PGE GUIDE

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HEATWAVE

In a heatwave, the lawn becomes the most stressed part of a garden, and how you mow your lawns decides whether it stays green, or burns out.

You can cut grass in hot weather , but change the way you approach it.

In a heatwave, with the soil already dry, hard cutting tips the balance from stressed to dying.



THE DANGER IS NOT MOWING YOUR LAWNS, IT'S CUTTING THEM **TOO SHORT.**

Everytime you mow your lawn, you wound thousands of grass blades, and the plant spends energy and moisture sealing these cuts.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

MOW SMART, STAY GREEN



NEVER REMOVE MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE LEAF LENGTH IN A SINGLE CUT



MOWING YOUR LAWNS ON A HIGHER CUT HELPS SHADE THE CROWN AND THE SOIL



LEAVING THE LAWN CLIPPINGS WHERE THEY FALL.

Short clippings break down within days and form a thin mulch that shades the soil and returns moisture and nitrogen.



WHEN WATERING IS GENUINELY NEEDED, THE RULE IS SIMPLE: WATER DEEPLY AND INFREQUENTLY

One good soak a week beats several small sprinkles



AIM FOR AROUND 10-15 LITRES PER SQM PER SOAK.

That puts moisture 10-15cm into the soil and right where the roots want it

BURNT LAWN?

Don't panic! Here's how to bring it back:

STOP MOWING (TEMPORARILY)

- ✓ Give the lawn time to recover. Avoid mowing until the grass starts actively growing again, and reaches around 7-8cm in height. When you do mow again, set the mower to a higher setting (5-6cm) and never remove more than one-third of the leaf in a single cut.

WATER DEEPLY, NOT LITTLE AND OFTEN

If watering restrictions allow:

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 - Give the lawn one deep soak rather than frequent light watering.
 - Aim for 10-15 litres per square metre
 - Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation.
- This encourages deeper root growth and helps the grass recover.

LEAVE THE CLIPPINGS

Leave short grass clippings on the lawn. They act as a natural mulch by:

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 - Retaining moisture
 - Reducing soil temperature
 - Returning nutrients such as nitrogen to the soil

STAY OFF THE LAWN

- ✓ Heat-stressed grass is more susceptible to damage from foot traffic.

BE PATIENT

A brown lawn isn't necessarily a dead lawn.

Most healthy lawns can remain dormant for 4-6 weeks.

- Overseed thin or bare areas.
- Top Dress with a quality lawn dressing.
- In severe cases , replace small sections with fresh turf

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