Mowing Your Lawn

Today on Gardening in a Minute: mowing your lawn.

Healthy lawns depend on mowing. Mowing makes your lawn thicker and more resistant to weeds.

Each time you mow, remove one-third of the leaf blade or less. Cutting too much off your lawn can damage the grass and leave it susceptible to disease, insects, and drought. Mowing high encourages deeper rooting, which helps grass survive dry periods.

Before you begin mowing, pick up rocks, sticks, and other debris to prevent injury to you and your mower. Sharpen your mower blade frequently, and mow in a different direction every time.

Never mow your grass when it’s wet, and make sure to mow at the highest recommended height for your species and cultivar of turf.

Leave the clippings on the lawn to help recycle nutrients to the soil!

For more information about mowing your lawn and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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