



HOW TO MOW for a Truly Green Lawn

Tips for River Star Homes

How to Properly Mow Your Lawn:

- ♣ **Keep mower blades sharp:** Sharpen blades after every 8 hours of use.
- ♣ **Use a mulching mower:** These mowers return grass clippings to your lawn.
- ♣ **Mow at the proper height for your turf:** Make sure to only remove 1/3 of the blade with each mowing.
- ♣ **Alternate mowing directions each time you mow:** Ruts form when the wheels of the mower pass over your lawn in the same direction every time and can leave your lawn looking uneven.

Benefits of Mowing High:

- ♣ Creates a low-maintenance, drought tolerant lawn.
- ♣ Helps shade out weeds.
- ♣ Prevents weeds from germinating.



Benefits of Recycling Grass Clippings:

- ♣ **Provides nitrogen:** A vital nutrient which helps keep your lawn green and healthy.
- ♣ **Reduces the need for fertilizer and watering.**

Problems with Dull Mower Blades:

- ♣ **Can tear the grass:** Leaves these areas of grass vulnerable to disease.

Problems with Mowing Too Short:

- ♣ **Can shock the grass:** May prevent proper growth and increase the chance of disease.

Mowing Heights for Your Turf

Grass Type	Mowing Height
Bahia	3" – 4"
Bermuda	1" – 2"
Buffalo	2" – 4"
Centipede	1.5" – 2.5"
Fine Fescue	2.5" – 3"
Tall Fescue	2" – 4"
Kentucky Blue	2" – 3"
Rye	2" – 3"
St. Augustine	3" – 4"
Zoysia	1.5" – 2.5"