

Mowing High for Deep Roots

The goal of our mowing tips is to develop **deep grass roots**, use **less water**, promote **turf density**, and make it more difficult for weeds to gain a foothold in your grass.

The Simple Tips:

1. Mow high (let the grass grow to **5 inches and cut it down to 3.5 inches**).
2. Never remove more than one third of the blade per mowing.
3. Keep the mower blades sharp so they cut instead of tear.

How can you do this?

- Mow at least once per week.
- Set your lawn mower to the highest setting (**must be at least 3.5 inches**).
- Once you have set your mower, go out and mow a test strip and **measure how tall the blades are with a ruler**. You may be surprised how often the settings are not accurate.
- Sharpen your mower blades if you see white on the grass blade tips.
- Mulch the grass clippings.
- Rotate the mowing direction every week (length, width, and diagonal).