

# Looking forward to summer days in your backyard?

## Keep your lawn healthy and user friendly with these care tips:

- **Healthy lawns will work harder** so that you don't have to. Healthy soil is the foundation for a great looking lawn. Thick grass will crowd out weeds and a well maintained lawn can enhance curb appeal and attract neighbors to your summer block party!
- **Labels are there for a reason.** When used according to the label, most lawn and garden products are appropriate for environments where pets live and children play, but it is important that you read the label and follow application directions.
- Always **store products in a safe place** away from children and pets. Protect our precious water resources by never pouring unused product down the drain.
- **Water Wisely.** Turf and plants need just the right amount of water, not too much and not too little. Water in the early morning or evening so that water isn't just evaporating. Use a timer on your sprinkler. Use tuna cans placed around the lawn to catch rain and sprinkler water for measuring. An inch each week is all you need.

- **Want more tips or information? Call Washington Friends of Farms & Forests for more (360) 705-2040**

or visit:

[www.pestfacts.org](http://www.pestfacts.org)

[www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com)

[www.landcarenetwork.org/cms/home/homeowners.html](http://www.landcarenetwork.org/cms/home/homeowners.html)

On a hot day, lawns will be 30 degrees cooler than asphalt and 14 degrees cooler than bare soil.

Grass traps and removes dust and dirt from the air.

Healthy grass doesn't leave room for weeds

Grass acts as a natural filter, reducing pollution by purifying the water passing through its root zone.

Turfgrass adds beauty to our lives and improves our health. Doctors have found that patients recover faster when given a landscape view as opposed to walls or buildings.

