



5 Tips For Maintaining The Perfect Lawn

Because winter won't last forever!

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Chances are you are reading this article while wearing multiple layers of clothing and sipping hot tea to ward off the cold weather, but believe it or not, winter is almost over and spring will be here before we can say “Turn the heat up!” That’s why now is the time to start thinking about your lawn and what you can do to make it look good during the warmer months this year. Jeremy Yamaguchi, the founder and CEO of [Lawn Love](#), a San Diego-based lawn care company that offers services all around the United States, including Virginia, Alabama, Florida and more, shared his thoughts and advice on lawn maintenance with [ESTATENVY](#). Here are five basic tips for maintaining the perfect lawn. Have the right tools. A lawnmower, shears and hose are all important tools for those who want to maintain their lawns and keep them looking as fresh as possible, Yamaguchi said. “Shears allow you to cut the grass in those tricky hard-to-reach spots you can’t get your mower into,” Yamaguchi said in an email. “Maintaining an even cut on your lawn is great for aesthetics and the health of your grass.” Yamaguchi also noted that a leaf rake is a no-brainer for keeping one’s yard tidy and that “with minimal effort, you can keep your lawn looking free of debris all year round.” ... And keep those blades sharp.

Using a lawn mower with dull blades is one of the biggest mistakes someone can make when it comes to taking care of their lawn. “Dull blades rip grass apart,” Yamaguchi said in an email. “This can increase your lawn’s susceptibility to disease, drought and discoloration. Ensure this doesn’t happen by having your mower serviced and blades sharpened regularly.” Mow. Never skip the mowing. Consistently mowing your lawn is crucial to keeping it fresh and healthy. “If you let your grass grow too long, you will cause damage when you mow it,” Yamaguchi said in an email, adding that when more than half of a blade is cut, it stresses the grass and leaves the grass more susceptible to problems. Avoid overwatering. While hydration is important, the last thing anyone wants to do is turn their lawn into Niagara Falls. “Too much water can actually damage your lawn,” Yamaguchi said in an email. “When the soil becomes saturated the excess water washes away fertilizer, increases chances of disease, and causes irregular growth.” Yamaguchi also recommended watering one’s lawn in the morning. “Hydration is vital to any healthy lawn,” Yamaguchi said in an email. “Regular watering early in the morning is best as it allows the soil to absorb water before the sun causes it to evaporate. But remember, don’t overdo it.” Embrace aeration. “Aeration involves puncturing your lawn with small holes in order to let air, water and nutrients to absorb in the grass roots,” Yamaguchi said in an email. “Here at Lawn Love we always recommend using plug aeration, which removes small plugs of soil and allows the roots to expand and absorb more nutrients. Regular aeration will allow the soil to breathe again, making for a beautiful, healthy lawn.”