



# Baileys guide to SEASONAL LAWN CARE



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A handy guide to maintaining your  
lawn in Western Australia

## *Benefits of a well maintained lawn*

- ✓ Absorbs carbon from the atmosphere
- ✓ Cools your surrounding environment
- ✓ Prevents erosion and filters pollutants from runoff water
- ✓ Absorbs ambient noise, making cities, towns & suburbs quieter
- ✓ Adds value to your home

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## Spring

- Commence feeding your lawn on a regular cycle, every 6 - 8 weeks. Use **Baileys Brilliance** in Spring and water well.
- If your warm season grasses such as Couch and Buffalo have become spongy it's time to remove the dead stem material (thatch) causing this. Vertimowing is the process for removing excess build-up of thatch and improves the appearance and health of your lawn. If inexperienced leave this to your lawn mowing contractor.
- Add biology to your lawn to combat thatch and ward off nematodes, tiny worms that destroy root systems in sandy soil. A top dress of **Baileys Soil Improver Plus** massaged into the grass with the back of a nail rake does a great job.
- Compacted soil needs to be aerated. Hire equipment for larger areas or have your lawn mowing contractor do it for you. If using a coring machine again rake **Baileys Soil Improver Plus** into the holes. Aeration will increase the amount of air, water and nutrients getting to the soil and creates a healthier lawn.
- Watch out for turf fungal diseases and African black beetle at this time of year.
- Spring is a great time to establish a new lawn from turf or seed. Good design and preparation can significantly reduce your lawns water requirements. Before laying dig a layer of **Baileys Soil Improver Plus** into the top 15cm of soil. Choose a grass that requires low water use and is heat tolerant such as Couch, Buffalo, Saltene and Kikuyu.



## Summer

- Continue feeding on a regular cycle. Use **Baileys 3.1.1. Plus** with added **Grosorb** to maximise water use in warmer months.
- Watch for brown patches in lawn usually caused by un-wettable soil. Treat with **Baileys Grosorb** wetting agent.
- Mow lawns more regularly and higher to conserve moisture. Sharpen your lawn mower blades for cleaner cutting and reduced moisture loss. Avoid cutting in the heat of the day if possible.
- Check sprinklers are working well and covering correctly. Water early in the morning when less water will be lost to evaporation.
- Weeds, especially crab grass, can be an issue in summer lawns because of rapid growth. Take your problem weed into your local garden centre for identification and treatment advice.



## Autumn

- Feed lawns with **Baileys Brilliance** to maintain the lush green colour into the cooler months.
- Make the most of autumn rain and apply a wetting agent such as **Baileys Grosorb** if you haven't done so recently.
- If your soil is sandy apply a top dressing to restore soil carbon. You'll see the difference within days. Use **Baileys Soil Improver Plus**.
- Winter weeds in lawns begin germinating in May. Take care of them now while at their most vulnerable.



## Winter

- Watch out for winter grass and clover. Treat accordingly.
- Consider installing a rainwater tank. The average 2,000 litre capacity rainwater tank can significantly reduce your water bill each year.
- Commence feeding again in late August with **Baileys Brilliance**.



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