## SUMMER LAWN CARE CHECKLIST

## ... General

## Apply fertilizer in early summer.

Nourishes lawn and helps grow strong roots before summer heat.

## Aerate in early summer.

Loosens up the soil to allow better root growth and absorption.
Watch for pests and insects.
Pests appear in midsummer and can cause serious lawn damage.

## ( <br> Watering

Water in the morning.
Water before 10 A.M so water doesn't evaporate during peak heat.
Water deeply and infrequently.
Aim for about an inch per week from rainfall and irrigation.
Mowing
Mow as needed.
Allow the grass to grow taller to shade the soil and keep it cool.
Maintain sharp mower blades.
Sharpen every 25 mowing hours to maintain an even cut.
Mow on a higher setting.
Avoid cutting more than $1 / 3$ of the grass height per mow.

## GREENVIEW*

