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- Healthier for the environment and other living organisms.
- Reduces Carbon footprint.
- Encourages a healthier and stronger lawn that requires less care.

#### What To Do?

- Use fertilizer as directed and do not over use.
- Aerate lawn to allow water and air to enter the soil.
- Make sure soil pH levels are between 6.5 and 7.
- Choose grass species that does well in the local climate.
- Mow grass at a higher cut to allow for stronger, healthier, more resistant grass.
- Reduce watering to a heavier once a week watering to allow for deeper and healthier root development.
- Reduce use of pesticides on lawn.

### **Things to Consider**

- Consider native insects that naturally remove other unwanted pests.
- Choose organic environmentally friendly fertilizers over chemical fertilizers.
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