

YOUR LAWN



Go Green With A Water-Saving Lawn

(NAPSA)—From riding bikes instead of driving cars to purchasing eco-friendly reusable grocery bags, many Americans are finding ways to help the environment. Now eco-friendly grass seed products are also making it possible for homeowners to maintain a healthy lawn with less water.

“Scientists have been researching grass seed varieties that grow healthy lawns but require less water,” says Dr. Mike Amaranthus, soil scientist. “Thanks to new technologies, homeowners can have the lawn they want and still be sensitive to the growing need for water conservation.”

If you’re worried about depleting water resources or you just want to save yourself time and money, consider an environmentally friendly grass seed called Pennington Smart Seed. According to Pennington Seed, the Smart Seed products grow lawns that require up to 30 percent less water every year for the life of the lawn. This can add up to thousands of gallons of water saved every year.

Here are some other ways Dr. Amaranthus says you can save water and still enjoy a healthy lawn.

Plant Drought-Tolerant Grass

Consider grass varieties that are native to your area and that require less water.

Plant When And Where It’s Most Optimal

Make sure to plant in the spring or fall, when watering requirements are lower. Avoid



planting turf in areas that are difficult to irrigate properly, such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.

Water In The Morning

The best time to water your grass is between 6 and 10 a.m. Also, don’t overwater your grass or water at night—it can make grass more prone to fungus and disease.

Use An Efficient Watering System

To prevent water evaporation, steer clear of oscillating sprinklers and sprinkler heads that produce mists or fine sprays. Also, make sure your sprinklers are positioned so the water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.

Set Your Mower Blade Higher

By raising the elevation of your lawn mower, you prevent evaporation by allowing longer leaf surfaces and deeper rooting.

For more information, visit www.smartseed.com.