

# Your Yard

## Green Fees: Saving Time And Money In Your Own Backyard

(NAPSA)—Saving time and money is on everyone's mind. People are realizing that it's not only a cost savings to join the DIY ranks but surprisingly simple if you have the right equipment. You can save time mowing your own lawn with a zero-turn mower and have time left over to grow your own greens. There's never been a better time to get back to American traditions and take satisfaction from your labors in your own backyard.

### Easy Mowing With A Zero-Turn

If you mow more than one acre, there's a time-saving option in lawn care that's gaining popularity with the do-it-yourself lawn enthusiast. Today's zero-turn mowers are designed with power and precision—with speeds of up to 7 mph and the ability to turn on a dime around landscape beds and trees.

According to Gary Hardee, director of product management at Husqvarna, a zero-turn mower can increase your productivity by up to 50 percent without compromising the quality of cut. "Zero-turn mowers are not just for the pros; we see many landowners turning to these fast machines to minimize trimming and hand mowing while still having a beautifully manicured lawn—and it makes mowing fun," said Hardee.

Some zero-turns designed for homeowners have features like maintenance-free, integrated zero-turn transmissions and an air-induction-style cutting deck, improving airflow and increasing grass lift for a smooth, consistent cut. With cutting decks generally ranging from 42 to 54 inches, more cutting is achieved, and fewer passes means more time to enjoy your lush lawn.



### Grow Your Own Greens

Now that you've trimmed cutting time with your zero-turn, think about cutting your grocery bill as well. Convert a landscape bed or dedicate a piece of property to grow a garden—and the whole family can enjoy the fruits of your labor. Getting started is easy, and the only piece of equipment that you'll need is a cultivator to till the ground with minimal effort.

Extend your green thumbprint by reducing your carbon footprint and choose a battery-operated cultivator. Cleaner and quieter than its gas-powered counterpart, battery-operated cultivators are an innovative new alternative in the gardening world.

"Our new cultivator has a high-capacity battery that delivers the performance of a gas engine with 30-45 minutes of battery life per charge," said Hardee. "Most importantly, it's gentle on the operator, the neighbors and the planet."

Look for a cultivator that offers versatility, too. Ridger, edger and dethatcher attachments turn this machine into a giant workhorse.

For more information about saving time and money in your backyard, visit [www.usa.husqvarna.com](http://www.usa.husqvarna.com).