



WHEN THE GROWING GETS TOUGH

Mowing – How low should you go?

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One of the first sounds of spring is the homeowner firing up their lawn mowers and mowing their grass for the first time of the season. While some of you might be imagining a scene with Tim Taylor (Tim Allen) from the show Home Improvement, that first trim of the season can be an important one. My boys are actually on their second round of mowing-first round was mostly weeds.

The question is often asked, should I mow my yard lower than normal in the spring? The answer is both yes and no. It doesn't hurt to mow lower than normal the first mowing or two. It will actually speed up the greening up process by removing the old, dead grass and allowing the soil to warm up faster. Doing this on the first two cuttings is fine, but the mowing height should be returned to normal after the second cutting to discourage crabgrass growth and encourage deep rooting.

Crabgrass seed must have light to germinate and a high mowing height will help shade the soil. Also, root depth and mowing height are related on upright growing

grasses such as tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass — the higher the height of cut, the deeper the root system. A deeper root system means a more drought-resistant turf.

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So, how low should you go on the first cutting? On tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass, you should mow turf at about 1 to 1 ½ inches. Be careful you do not go so low as to scalp the turf. The normal mowing height for Kentucky bluegrass is 2 to 3 inches and 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches for tall fescue.

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SATURDAY EVENING										May 3, 2025	
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
36	KMTW	3	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Living Single	Living Single	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	The Game	The Game
24	KSAS	4	MLB Baseball	Kansas City Royals at Baltimore Orioles (N) (Live)				News (N)	Bensinger (N)	Extracted "The Final Drop"	
63	KSCW	5	(4:00) Track Miami (N) (Live)	I Am Richard Pryor (N)				12 News (N)	Patterson	(.05) Conners	(.35) Conners
6	KBSD	6	News (N)	Retirement	Watson "The Camgirl Inquiry"	48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		News (N)	(.35) Catch It
21	KDCK	7	Cottonwood	Reconnect	The Lawrence Welk Show	Song "Joe Holt; Grain Thief"		Caverns	Ireland	ACL 10th Annual Hall (N)	
11	KSGN	11	(1:30) Ky. Drby	Wheel	Dest-X (N)	The Wall	Dateline NBC	SNL Jon Hamm; Lizzo (N)		News (N)	SNL (N)
13	KUPK	13	KAKE News	KAKE News	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)			TBA From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)		KAKE News	(.35) ET (N)
61	KDCU	15	Rosa "La estrategia del lobo" (N)	***** The Commuter (18) Vera Farmiga, Liam Neeson.				El Chapulin Colorado (N)		Noticiero	Noticiero (N)
CABLE CHANNELS											
MSNBC	24	Weekend: Primetime (N) (Live)	Weekend: Primetime (N) (Live)	Local Programming							
CNN	25	CNN Newsroom (N) (Live)	Real Time With Bill Maher (N)	CNN Special Program				CNN Special Program		Real Time With Bill Maher	
FNC	27	Weekend (N) (Live)	Life, Liberty & Levin (N) (Live)	View- Lara Tru. (N) (Live)				Saturday Night (N) (Live)		Gutfeld!	
USA	28	Chicago "Halfway to the Moon"	Chicago Fire "Last Chance"	Chicago Fire				Chicago "Completely Shattered"		Chicago Fire	
TBS	29	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)				***** There's Something About Mary (98) Cameron Diaz.			
TNT	30	***** Avengers: Infinity War (18) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Brolin, Robert Downey Jr..						(.05) ***** Avengers: Endgame (19) Robert Downey Jr..			
FX	31	(5:00) ***** Black Widow (21) Scarlett Johansson.		***** Captain America: The First Avenger (11) Hayley Atwell, Chris Evans.						Movie	
ESPN	32	(5:00) NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (N)	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (N) (Live)							SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	33	UFC Fight Night: Sandhagen vs. Figueiredo - Prelims (N) (Live)						UFC Fight Night: Sandhagen vs. Figueiredo (N) (Live)			
FDMW	34	FIBA	All Blacks	United Fight Alliance				United Fight Alliance		Diggin' Deep Sierra Santos	
VH1	35	(5:00) ***** Colombiana (11)	***** A Thin Line Between Love and Hate (96) Lynn Whitfield, Martin Lawrence.	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx				Jamie Foxx	
MTV	36	***** Just Go With It (11) Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman, Adam Sandler.		(.45) ***** Easy A (10) Penn Badgley, Emma Stone.						Movie	
ION	37	NWSL- Pre (N)	NWSL Soccer Orlando Pride at Portland Thorns FC (N) (Live)	NWSL- Show				NWSL North Carolina Courage at Utah Royals FC (N) (Live)			
LIFE	38	(5:00) ***** Murder at the Derby	***** I Am Your Biggest Fan (25) Meghan Carrasquillo. (P)					(.05) ***** A Rose for Her Grave: The Randy Roth Story (23)			
HGTV	39	House Hunters	House Hunters	Vacation House Rules				Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
FOOD	40	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
A&E	41	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars				Storage Wars		Storage Wars	
DISC	42	Afraid XL "Legendary Fail"	Naked and Afraid XL "Careful What You Fish For"					Naked and Afraid XL "You Left Us to Rot"			
TLC	43	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress "I Didn't Mean to Make Randy Cry" (N)					Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes to the Dress	
DISN	45	(5:25) ***** Big City Greens the Mov..	Big City (N)	Kiff				StuGo	StuGo	Big City	Big City
NICK	46	(5:00) SpongeBob	Friends	Friends				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
FREE	47	(4:40) ***** Shrek (145) ***** Shrek 2 (04) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers.		(.50) ***** Shrek the Third (07) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers. (P)							
TVLD	48	Mike & Molly	(.35) Mike	(.10) Raymond	(.45) Raymond			(.55) Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
HIST	49	Secrets "Mind Games"	Secrets "Strange Weapons"					(.05) Secrets Declassified		(.05) Secrets "Black Sites"	
SYFY	50	(5:00) ***** Now You See Me 2	(16) Jesse Eisenberg.	***** Mission: Impossible (96) Jon Voight, Henry Czerny, Tom Cruise.						Movie	
TRU	51	(4:15) ***** White House Down (P)	***** Aquaman (18) Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe, Jason Momoa. (P)							American Dad!	American Dad!
CMT	52	(4:30) ***** Greatest Showman	To Be Announced							To Be Announced	
CNBC	53	American Greed	Greed "Top Gun of Fraud"					American Greed		Greed "California Schemin"	
TCM	54	(4:45) ***** National Velvet	***** The Band Wagon (53) Cyd Charisse, Fred Astaire.	***** All That Jazz (79) Jessica Lange, Roy Scheider.							
AMC	55	***** I Am Legend (07) Alice Braga, Dash Mihok, Will Smith.		***** Independence Day (96) Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.							
ANPL	56	My Cat From Hell "Mojo Cat"	My Cat "Mayday! Mayday!"					My Cat From Hell "Bully Cat"			
BET	57	(5:30) ***** Rush Hour 2 (01) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan.		***** Rush Hour 3 (07) Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada, Jackie Chan.						***** Rush Hour	
COM	58	(5:00) ***** 22 Jump Street (14) Jonah Hill.	***** 21 Jump Street (12) Channing Tatum, Brie Larson, Jonah Hill.					***** 22 Jump Street (14)			
E!	59	(4:00) ***** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	***** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (07) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.							Movie	
BRAVO	61	(5:30) ***** Blended (14) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler.		***** Grown Ups (10) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.				(.15) ***** Grown Ups 2 (13)			
TRAV	62	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adv "Shanghai Tunnels"	Ghost Adventures: Cecil Hotel						Ghost Adventures	
TOON	63	American Dad!	American Dad!	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers			Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty
GALA	81	***** El circo (42) Gloria Lynch, Cantinflas.						40 y 20	40 y 20	40 y 20	40 y 20
NWSN	89	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)				NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
INSP	150	Gunsmoke "With a Smile"	Gunsmoke "The Far Places"	Gunsmoke "Panacea Sykes"				***** Fool's Parade (71) George Kennedy, James Stewart. (P)			
EWTN	153	Mass for the Repose	Tyburn Convent: Gloria Deo	Rosary (N)				Living Right "Battered Parents"		Web/Faith	EWTN Book
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	401	The Last of Us	***** Adult Best Friends (24) Delaney Buffett. (P)	(.25) ***** This Means War (12)				(.05) The Last of Us			
MAX	407	(5:10) ***** Purple: Election Year	***** Scream (96) Neve Campbell.	(.50) ***** Scream 2 (97) Neve Campbell, David Arquette.						Movie	
PARSHO	415	Movie	***** The Last Stop in Yuma County (23)	***** The Comeback Trail (20) Robert De Niro. (P)				***** Inglourious Basterds			
STZENC	438	(5:35) ***** Avengers: Age of Ultron (15) Robert Downey Jr..		***** Spider-Man: No Way Home: Extended Version (21) Tom Holland.						Movie	

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24	KSAS	4	Next Level "Bad to the Bone"	Simpsons (N)	Family Guy (N)	Krapopolis (N)	The North (N)	News (N)	(.35) Attkisson	(.05) Last Man	(.35) Last Man
63	KSCW	5	Whose Line Is ***** The Italian Job (03) Charlize Theron, Edward Norton, Mark Wahlberg. (P)					12 News (N)	News/ Eye on	(.05) Ag Phd	(.35) Paid Prog.
6	KBSD	6	60 Minutes (N)	Tracker "Rules of the Game" (N)	Watson (N)			Equalizer "Decisions" (N) (SF)		News (N)	Sports
21	KDCK	7	Cottonwood	America Bount	Call the Midwife (N)	Miss Austen (N) (P)		Marie "Madame Deficit" (N)		ACL 10th Annual Hall	
11	KSGN	11	The Americas	The Americas "Patagonia"	Suits LA (N)			Dateline NBC		KSN News (N)	(.35) Paid Prog.
13	KUPK	13	Funnest Home Videos (N)	American Idol "815 Ladies' Night" (N) (Live)				TIME100-Influential (N)		KAKE News	(.35) Church
61	KDCU	15	Juego de voces, de tal palo tal astilla (N)		***** Volver "El final del viaje" (N)			Mujeres asesinas "Lorena" (N)		Noticiero	SaborDe
CABLE CHANNELS											
MSNBC	24	Weekend: Primetime (N) (Live)	Weekend: Primetime (N) (Live)	Frost "Muhammad Ali" (N)				Local Programming			
CNN	25	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Special Program	Eva Longoria (N)				My Happy Place (N)		CNN Special Program	
FNC	27	Weekend (N) (Live)	Life, Liberty & Levin (N) (Live)	Sunday Night (N) (Live)				One Nation (N) (Live)		The Big Weekend Show	
USA	28	Law & Order: SVU "Crush"	Law & Order: SVU "Users"	Law-SVU "Born Psychopath"				Law-SVU "Thought Criminal"		Law-SVU "Depravity Standard"	
TBS	29	Movie	(.45) ***** Wonder Woman 1984 (20) Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig, Gal Gadot.							***** Doctor Strange (16)	
TNT	30	***** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (13) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence.		***** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (14)							
FX	31	(5:00) ***** Black Panther (18) Chadwick Boseman.		***** Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (22) Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong'o, Letitia Wright.							
ESPN	32	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves From Truist Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)						Boxing Naoya Inoue vs. Ramon Cardenas (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	33	(5:00) Cornhole	2025 AKC Diving Dogs Premier Cup (N)					E60 The Other Hurley		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
FDMW	34	(5:00) MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Baltimore Orioles	Diggin' George Brett, Part 1	Diggin' George Brett, Part 2						United Fight Alliance	
VH1	35	(4:30) ***** A Thin Line Between Lo..	***** Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral (19) Cassi Davis, Tyler Perry.					Basketball Wives		Basketball	
MTV	36	***** Easy A (10) Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes, Emma Stone.	(.05) ***** Tammy (14) Susan Sarandon, Kathy Bates, Melissa McCarthy.					NCIS "Friendly Fire"		Ridiculous	
ION	37	NCIS "Third Wheel"	NCIS "Fragments"	NCIS "Beneath the Surface"				NCIS "A Thousand Wounds"		NCIS "Friendly Fire"	
LIFE	38	(5:00) ***** Secret Life of the Pastor...	***** Secret Life of the Dean's Wife (25) Kate Winslow. (P)					(.05) ***** I Am Your Biggest Fan		(25) Meghan Carrasquillo.	
HGTV	39	Home Town	Home Town (N)	Castle Impossible				House Hunters		House Hunters	House Hunters
FOOD	40	(5:00) 24 in 24 "Shift 1: Speed"	24 in 24: Last Chef Standing "Simplicity & Resourcefulness" (N)					Kitchen "Chopped Battle"		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
A&E	41	WWE	WWE LFG "The Playoffs Begin!" (N)					WWE LFG "Who Wants It More?" (N)		(.05) WWE	(.35) WWE
DISC	42	(5:00) Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid "Three Is Not Enough" (N)					Afraid "Unbreakable"		(.05) Afraid "Couch to Cave"	
TLC	43	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé "Blinded by Love" (N)					Sister Wives (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)	
DISN	45	Star Wars (N)	Star Wars (N)	Place				Ladybug		Place	Place
NICK	46	(5:00) ***** SpongeBob Movie: Spo...	Friends	Friends				Friends		Friends	Friends
FREE	47	Movie	(.50) ***** The Lion King (94) Voices of Jeremy Irons, Matthew Broderick.					(.55) ***** The Lion King II: Simba's Pride (98)			
TVLD	48	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
HIST	49	America "Let Them Bake Cake"	America "Asian Food Invasion"	The Food That (N) (SF)				(.05) Built America		(.05) Built America	
SYFY	50	(5:30) ***** The Matrix Reloaded (99) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.		***** The Matrix Reloaded (99) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.							
TRU	51	(4:00) ***** The Flash (23) (P)	***** Godzillia vs. Kong (21) Millie Bobby Brown, Alexander Skarsgård.					***** Godzillia: King of the Monsters (19)			
CMT	52	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family
CNBC	53	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				Shark Tank "Episode 10"		Shark Tank	
TCM	54	(4:45) ***** Cass Timberlane	***** Night After Night (32) George Raft.					***** She Done Him Wrong (145) ***** I'm No Angel (33) Mae West.			
AMC	55	(5:30) ***** The Day After Tomorrow (04) Dennis Quaid.		Walking Dead (N) (SP)				(.15) Walking Dead "Power Equals Power"		Walking Dead	
ANPL	56	Wardens "The Graduates"	Wardens "A Goose Chase"	Wardens "Fair Game" (N)				Wardens "Fishing for Trouble"		Wardens of the North	
BET	57	(5:30) ***** Rush Hour 3 (07) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan.		***** Ride Along (14) Kevin Hart, John Leguizamo, Ice Cube.						Movie	
COM	58	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy "Blue Harvest"		
E!	59	(5:00) ***** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (10) Daniel Radcliffe.	***** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) Daniel Radcliffe.								
BRAVO	61	Housewives Atlanta	Housewives Atlanta (N)	Bravo's Love Hotel "Three's a Crowd" (N)				Housewives Atlanta		Love Hotel	
TRAV	62	Paranormal Caught on Camera	Paranormal Caught on Camera	Paranormal "Abandoned Tuberculosis Sanatorium and More" (N)						Paranormal Caught on Camera	
TOON	63	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy "Blue Harvest"		Family Guy		Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty
GALA	81	***** El padrecito (64) Angel Garasa, Rosa Maria Vázquez, Cantinflas.						Faisy Nights		Humor sin barreras (N)	
NWSN	89	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	O'Reilly/Vitte				NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
INSP	150	Gunsmoke "Tell Chester"	Gunsmoke "Quint-Cident"	Gunsmoke "Old York"				***** The War Wagon (67) Kirk Douglas, John Wayne.			
EWTN	153	Mass for the Repose	(.20) Litany	Catholics		Rosary (N)		Franciscan U. (N)		Doctors (N)	MY Lourdes
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	401	The Last "Through the Valley"	(.55) The Last of Us		The Last of Us (N)			Gemstones (N) (F)		(.55) Rehearsal	Last Week (N)
MAX	407	The Knick "Crutchfield"	***** Knight and Day (10) Tom Cruise.		(.50) ***** Unstoppable (10) Chris Pine, Denzel Washington.					Movie	
PARSHO	415	***** Patriots Day (16) Kevin Bacon, Mark Wahlberg.		MoLand	(.45) ***** Gladiator Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.						
STZENC	438	(.15) ***** M3GAN (22) Violet McGraw, Allison Williams.	***** Star Wars: The Force Awakens (15) Harrison Ford.		(.20) ***** About Last Night						