

## **KOHLER Engines Offers Lawn Preparation Tips**

*Easy steps will help homeowners get their lawn and yard ready for summer*

After a long, cold winter, you're certainly ready for summer. But is your lawn? The snow and bitter temps may have wreaked havoc on your yard, but now that warmer weather has arrived, it's time to tackle those small projects that can add up to a beautiful lawn. Here are five tips you can use to make your lawn and yard everything it can be this season.

1. **Reseed bare patches in your lawn.** A fabulous lawn is one devoid of bald spots, so make this project a first priority. Loosen the soil in bare areas 2-4 inches before flattening it with a garden rake. Once the soil has been loosened, apply fertilizer and grass seed to the area. Flatten the surface down once more and apply water to help your new grass grow.
2. **Find the right mower for your lawn.** Your mower is your yard's most important tool. If you're in the market for a new mower, don't settle for an average, run-of-the-mill model. Look for a "pro-grade" mower with a powerful engine like the [KOHLER 7000 Series Engine](#). A commercial-grade engine will have you mowing like a real pro and offers a variety of perks, including turnkey starting, improved reliability, reduced maintenance and enhanced performance. Once your mower is ready, cut your grass to 2 1/2-inches and mow frequently for a perfectly manicured lawn.
3. **Prune and/or remove dead leaves and branches.** Using a set of sheers, inspect each bush and tree on your property and prune the branches while removing those that have died. This process will support your plants growing in a proper, ordered shape while improving their overall health and appearance.
4. **Start a compost pile.** Compost is a natural fertilizer that provides valuable nutrients to your plants throughout the summer. To create your own compost pile, start with a bed of leaves, garden trimmings or pine needles and add grass clippings and plant material at a three-to-one ratio favoring the former. Top each layer with a bed of soil and you'll create the perfect compost site.
5. **Bring birds to your yard.** The benefit of birds in your yard goes far beyond the music they make. Did you know a single chickadee can eat more than 1,000 insects per year? This helps cut down on pesky insects ruining your backyard cookout or feasting on your plants. So add a bird feeder or two, a birdbath and some fruit or seed bearing plants to draw the birds in. Your yard and garden will be all the better for it.

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Warmer weather is on the way, so don't delay. Now's the perfect time to start those outdoor projects. The hours you spend now will benefit you every day in the months ahead.

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