

Growing a PRFCT lawn is a process, not a product.

How to begin:

- **Find out what products you are using and why**
See other side for PRFCT (toxin-free) alternatives and the scary truths about many common landscape chemicals.
- **Apply the PRFCT process**
 1. **WATER** seldom and deep. 1-2x per week to 6" deep (usually 30-60min). Allow to dry 6" deep between watering (use a moisture meter!). Frequent, short watering (bad!) promotes shallow roots, fungus diseases, and mosquitoes.
 2. **MOW** high—3.5" to 4". Longer leaf blades collect more sun, grow deeper roots, shade out weeds. Mow sharp—clean cuts are healthier. Leave clippings—free fertilizer.
 3. **FEED AND SEED** in the fall when cool season grasses are actively growing and warm-season weeds—dandelions and crabgrass—are dormant. Thick grass in fall means no room for weeds in spring. Test your soil before feeding and if needed, use slow-release organics or compost/compost tea.
 4. **DIVERSIFY** using resilient turf grass mixes. Allow clover—it fixes nitrogen (more free fertilizer!).
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PROBLEMS	CAUSES	CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS & EFFECTS *	PRFCT SOLUTIONS
Bare spots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shade ● Compaction ● Poor soil 	Synthetic fertilizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nitrogen run off → toxic algae ● Increases salinity of soil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aerate ● Compost ● Overseed with resilient varieties ● Fall is best season to seed, feed
Weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bare spots ● Poor soil ● Overwatering 	Preemergent (kills seeds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extremely toxic to aquatic life Broadleaf killer (kills plants/not grasses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hormone disruption, canine lymphoma General herbicide (kills everything) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Probable carcinogen ● Harmful to pollinators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fix bare spots ● Removal by hand (easier than you think!)
Fungus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improper watering ● Dull mower blades ● Susceptible grass types 	Fungicide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possible carcinogen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRFCT watering (see other side) ● Sharp blades ● Resilient grasses

* Highly abbreviated, see www.perfectearthproject.org