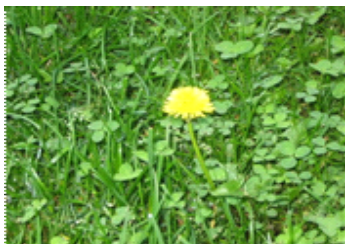


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Tips to Take Back A Weedy Lawn



Grow healthy grass and say goodbye to those nasty weeds with these simple and easy-to-follow lawn and gardening tips.

- Choose the Best Grass
- Aerate the Soil
- Explicitly Follow Instructions When Seeding
- Top-Dress With Compost
- Fertilize the New Lawn
- Keep It Watered

If you need help choosing the right grass, ask the lawn and garden expert at your local DIY store, such as Home Depot or Lowes. Also, if you have a neighbor who'd yard is the envy of the block you can always ask what type of grass they use or

Preventative Maintenance to Protect Your Foundation

Foundation and slab cracks can spread up walls and across floors as well as make it difficult to open or close doors and windows. These problems have been known to break windows and create extensive structural damage to your home. Foundation problems can also lead to damaged pipes and plumbing, both above and below ground. Untreated structural problems can devastate property values by lowering them as much as \$20,000 – that doesn't include costly slab or foundation repairs.

Warning signs to look out for:

- Cracks in ceramic tile or your fireplace
- Stress cracks in exterior bricks or siding
- Gaps between bricks as well as door and window frames
- Water leakage, inside or outside
- Sheetrock cracks over interior doors or windows
- Doors and windows sticking and difficult to open

Here are some helpful tips for preventing damage to your home's foundation:

- **Ensure the soil around the foundation is moist.** Keeping the soil around your foundation at a constant moisture level, regardless of outdoor temperatures, is imperative to foundation maintenance. The constant moisture level keeps the soil from swelling and shrinking, which can take a toll on your foundation.
- **Inspect the foundation perimeter for cracks at the beginning of each season.** Take photos to accurately monitor any cracks you may see. Cracks that appear to be growing warrant inspection by a foundation professional.
- **Allow for root growth when planting bushes and trees.** Roots growing under foundations are potential problem makers.

Inspect your foundation on a regular basis. Attend to noticeable structural damage as soon as possible to minimize the damage and cost of repairs. Your diligence can allow you to avoid costly repairs for many years to come.

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