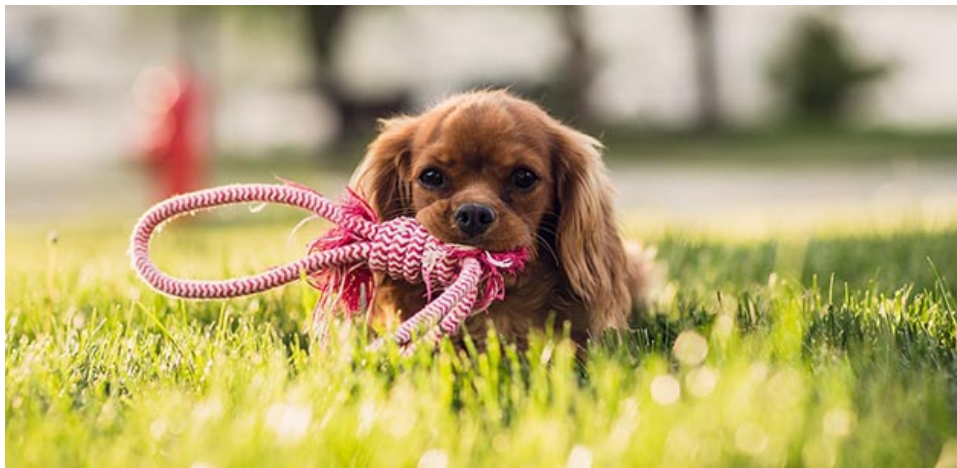


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## Who knew grass was so important?



### Spring: A time to appreciate (or dread) your yard.

The grass in your yard is much more than just plain "grass". Grasses are among the most familiar and important flowering plants. There are over 10,000 varieties of grass plant in the Poaceae family.

### Interesting Facts

The largest variety of grass is **giant bamboo**, which can grow up to 151 feet tall.

**Grasses** are one of the most widely distributed and abundant groups of plants on Earth. They **are found on every continent, including Antarctica**.

**Grasses cover** approximately 30 percent of the dry land on Earth!

Roughly **40%** of the total acres of grass in the US is **privately owned**.

**Grasses are the world's single most important source of food**. This includes all grasses from oats and barley for human consumption through to grazing grass for animals.

**Humans consume grasses** as cereals (eg, wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats), sweetening (eg, sugar from sugar cane, molasses from sorghum) or drink (eg, beer, whiskey).

**A 2,500 square foot lawn produces enough oxygen for a family of four**. Grass lawns improve air quality by producing oxygen and trapping airborne dust particles and other contaminants.

an **temperature** surrounding the home by up to 14 F.

A healthy lawn can **increase a home's value** by up to 20%.

Approximately **80% of all homes in the United States have grass lawns.**

The average American spends **four hours a week** during the Spring and Summer **on lawn care.**

Americans **spend nearly \$30 billion dollars** each year on lawn care supplies.

**By the late 17th century**, grass lawns, with the grass cut close to the ground, started popping up on the grounds of the wealthy.

The Industrial Revolution resulted in **the first lawn mower**, originally developed by Edwin Budding in 1830, popularized by the late 19th century, and causing trimmed grass lawns to become more accessible to the average person.

Sources: justfunfacts.com, thegrasspeople.com, thereddoor.com and pennington.com

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## Dandelion - Friend or Foe?



- Every part is useful – roots, leaves, flower. Its uses include dye for coloring, food, and medicine.
- Dandelion seeds can be carried away to up to 5 miles from their place of origin.
- Animals like butterflies, insects, and birds consume the seeds or nectar of dandelion.
- Dandelion plants can reach a height of 17 inches.
- Dandelions are also called pioneer plants or ruderals – the first plants to colonize any disturbed lands (like land after a wildfire).

Source: allamericanturf.com

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