

## Relationship Of Maintenance Specification To Lawn Quality

You may think you have to do everything in order to have a lawn. However, what you *have* to do depends on what quality of lawn you want... or are willing to accept. If you want a lawn like the golf course, you need to do much more than if you simply want a nice carpet to walk around on. Most people are quite happy with a low to medium level of lawn quality.

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<b>Maintenance Specification</b>	<b>Specifications Suggested for Various Levels of Turfgrass Quality</b>		
	<b><u>Low</u></b>	<b><u>Medium</u></b>	<b><u>High</u></b>
<b><u>Basic Activities</u></b>			
Mowing	X	X	X
Edging			X
Leaf Collection		X	X
Fertilization	X	X	X
Liming	X	X	X
Herbicide Application		X	X
<b><u>Accessory Activities</u></b>			
Fungicide Application			X
Insecticide Application			X
Aeration <sup>a</sup>			X
Dethatching			X
Overseeding		X	X

<sup>a</sup> Many professionals believe that aeration should be a basic activity for any lawn, since soil compaction is a common problem in suburban lawns.