

McFall and Berry and the ACA present:

Mowing and Lawn care
Services



AGENDA:



- **A review of the Mowing services- Frequency, Calendar, Protocol and Equipment**
- **A Review of lawncare applications**
 - **fertilizer and fiesta- frequency, calendar and protocol**

Review of Mowing Frequency and Calendar

Mowing will begin approximately April 1

ALL DATES ARE DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER AND GROWTH HABITS OF TURF

APPROXIMATE TOTAL MOWS: Twenty Seven (27)

Mowing Cycles:

MARCH 30th-APRIL 30th Lawn areas will be cut four times (10 day interval) between the end of March and April 30th

MAY 1st- SEPTEMBER 1st- Lawn areas will be mowed eighteen (18) times, approximately an eight (8) day interval between mowing

OCTOBER 1st to MID DECEMBER- five (5) mowing cycles





MOWING PROTOCOL

- **Mowing List-** MB maintain a list of specific requests made by residents for mowing. Any resident may submit mowing preferences that can include: equipment preferences, notification of animals in yard, and communication protocols.
- **Mowing Heights-** Contract height is currently at a recommended 3-3.5 inches. Adjustments will be made throughout the season to accommodate excess growth.
- **Contractor** will carefully close all gates upon leaving homeowners' properties as well as return any lawn furniture to its original position when moved during mowing.

Mowing Protocol Continued

- Prior to mowing, all hazardous items as well as trash and debris will be removed from the grass.
- Trimming of the grass around homes, trees, beds, light posts, etc. will be done with a string-trimmer immediately after each cutting.



WEATHER PROTOCOL

In the event of inclement weather, M&B will consult with ACA management about the mowing decision. If determined that the conditions are too wet, an adjustment will be made to community schedule.

When the crew encounters a turf area that is saturated, MB management will be notified, and a courtesy note will be sent to resident informing of new schedule

If damage occurs, M&B will do their best to make a quick repair. Sometimes the damage occurs and is not seen until later. Please feel free to send a request to Lisa Gabriel mcfallandberry@liveatavenel.com and a repair will be made the following business day



Equipment-

MB researches and utilizes the best equipment possible in the industry.



60 inch or 72 inch ride on mower. Used in larger open spaces, best in dry conditions.



52 inch or 60inch walk behind mower. Sometimes a “VELKE” is used to ride on, when conditions permit



Push mower- used for small front yard areas.

Montgomery County Pesticide Law



- “The County’s Pesticide Law restricts the use of certain pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas, and childcare facilities. Most synthetic pesticides are not allowed to treat pests in lawns. Weeds and pests can be prevented by practicing organic lawn care, which should not require the use of any chemicals” Information from the Montgomery County website.
- Due to the regulations, you will notice increased weed growth in lawn areas. The weed growth habit generally will exceed the height of the turf (example, nutsedge, crabgrass, stilt grasses).
- Organic weed control will yield limited success compared to regular herbicide post- emergent products
- For more information we encourage you to visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law/>

Organic Products used:

- **Fiesta Organic broadleaf POST-EMERGENT weed control**
- **Post Emergent-** after the plant has emerged from the ground
- **MB has tested out the corn gluten PRE-EMERGENT in the Avenel community over the course of 2 years. Due to limited results and high cost, the program was eliminated.**



Lawncare Application Schedule



- All grass areas will be fertilized four (4) times per year.
- **MARCH 13th- First fertilizer application (1/2 pound N per thousand square feet)**
- **APRIL 3rd- First broadleaf weed control application (FIESTA ORGANIC) in select areas**
- **APRIL 10- Second fertilization application (1/2 pound N per thousand square feet)**
- **MAY 1- Second broadleaf weed control application (FIESTA ORGANIC) in select areas**
- **JUNE 1- Third broadleaf weed control application (FIESTA ORGANIC) in select areas**
- **SEPTEMBER 05- Third fertilization application (1 pound N per thousand square feet)**
- **SEPTEMBER- Fourth broadleaf weed control application (FIESTA ORGANIC) in select areas.**
- **OCTOBER 2nd- Fourth fertilization application (1 pound N per thousand square feet)**

Thank you for joining us this evening!

