

## Lantern Farms Simple Yard Maintenance Tips for Homeowners

*Keeping your yard maintained helps protect property values, improves curb appeal, and creates a welcoming neighborhood for everyone. Yard care doesn't have to be expensive or complicated—small, consistent steps make a big difference.*

### Lawn Care Basics

- Mow regularly during growing season (typically every 5–10 days depending on weather)
- Keep grass at an appropriate height (usually 3–4 inches for most lawns)
- Trim edges along house, sidewalks, driveways, and landscaping beds
- Remove excessive weeds (dandelions, thistle, crabgrass, etc.)

### Weed Management Options

#### Traditional options

- Lawn treatments/fertilizers
- Spot weed control
- Pre-emergent treatments

#### Natural/low-chemical options

- Hand pulling weeds
- Corn gluten meal treatments
- Overseeding grass to crowd out weeds
- Vinegar-based weed treatments (use carefully)
- Mulching flower beds to reduce weed growth

### Landscaping Maintenance

- Trim overgrown bushes and shrubs
- Remove dead trees/plants/branches
- Keep mulch fresh and contained
- Avoid allowing landscaping to block sidewalks or road visibility

### Leaves & Debris

- Regularly remove sticks, trash, and yard debris
- Rake leaves during fall season
- Keep storm drains and sidewalks clear

### Exterior Appearance

- Store tools and equipment neatly (out of sight)
- Keep trash bins out of sight and stored unless it's trash pickup day
- Maintain house, fence, outdoor structures (replace rotted wood, paint/stain every 3-7 years)

## **Seasonal Reminders**

### **Spring**

- First mow
- Weed prevention
- Mulch refresh
- Prune shrubs

### **Summer**

- Regular mowing
- Water during dry periods
- Watch for weeds

### **Fall**

- Leaf removal
- Final mow
- Winterize landscaping

### **Winter**

- Remove fallen branches
- Keep walkways safe
- Remove snow

### **Remember:**

***Perfect yards aren't required. Consistent upkeep and effort go a long way toward keeping neighborhoods attractive and enjoyable for everyone.***