

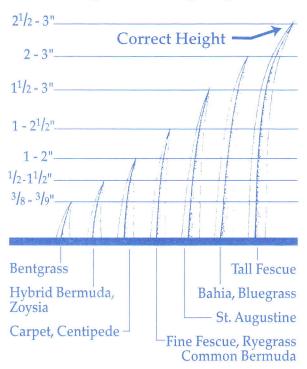
...about your lawn

## Let's work together

## **Watering Your Lawn**

- 1. Why water? Without sufficient rainfall or supplemental water, the lawn will go dormant (turn brown) like in the winter. After the lawn receives at least one inch of water, it will green up again in one to three weeks.
- 2. How much water? To maintain good growth and color, our lawns need one inch of water weekly. If you are able to water during dry spells, set a can or gauge in each sprinkler pattern and leave until the one inch is applied (3-4 hours per pattern). This one heavy watering is better than several light sprinklings; it saturates our soils to six inches and encourages deep rooting. (Lighter more frequent waterings will be needed on sandy soils.)
- 3. When should I water? The best time to water is early morning to mid-afternoon. This gives the leaves an opportunity to dry before evening and helps curb some diseases which require free surface moisture to infect the lawn. Watering in the heat of the day helps cool the turf and is not harmful unless it puddles. If your only opportunity to water is in the evening, this is preferable to not watering.

## What is a good mowing height?



Is my mower blade dull? A dull rotary mower blade will tear the grass blades, it will shred the ends, give the lawn a whitish cast, and cause excessive moisture loss. To avoid this ragged look, sharpen your mower blade at least three times a season.

