You’re a proud homeowner with a beautiful backyard!

But, do you have the know-how to maintain your lawn and landscape? As the voice of more than 1 million experts, the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) is here to help with pro tips and tricks.

For more information or to hire a professional, visit LoveYourLandscape.org

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LAWN CARE 101

**LUSH LAWNS**

**Do**
- Mow lawn to 2 – 3½ inches
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn
- Mow with sharp blades for a clean cut

**Don't**
- Cut more than ⅓ of the grass blade height
- Mow with debris on your lawn
- Mow when the grass is wet

**PATCHY LAWN FIXES**

**Soil Testing**
The root of your problem could be poor soil. Tests can identify missing nutrients and analyze the proper pH level of your soil to help your yard thrive.

**Weeding**
Weeds can dominate lawns, taking nutrients from grasses and other plants. Work with a professional to apply pre-emergent and post-emergent fertilizers to prevent weed growth.

**Seeding or Sodding**
Seeding establishes new grass while laying sod adds mature grass. Water regularly and fertilize to ensure the grass continues to grow.

*Proper lawn care techniques can vary by region, climate and type of grass. For best results, seek advice from a local lawn care professional.*
is your landscape INSTA-WORTHY?

container gardens
Add flowers and greenery or fruits and vegetables to unique pots for the perfect container garden.

low maintenance plants
Plants native to your region allow you to spruce up your yard while requiring less water use and general maintenance.

pruning & mulching
Adding mulch around trees and in garden beds not only provides a clean and vibrant look, but also helps preserve and protect your plants.

Give your landscape a glow-up you’ll want to share with the world!
03. Ultimate Seasonal Checklist

Work with a local professional to complete these seasonal tasks

**Spring**
- Test your soil
- Fertilize your lawn, trees, and shrubs
- Control weeds before they invade
- Apply an inch-thick layer of mulch to garden beds and trees
- Inspect your irrigation system

**Fall**
- Aerate your lawn to improve oxygen flow
- Remove any weeds
- Mow your grass regularly
- Water your plants and grass for healthy growth
- Seed and sod early to promote new growth
- Seed and fertilize to promote future growth
- Keep your grass at 2 – 2½ inches tall
- Give trees and shrubs a final deep watering
- Prune plants
- Shut off water lines to prevent freezing
- Rake leaves and remove debris
- Aerate and fertilize lawn
- Apply mulch to protect trees, plants, and shrubs
- Prune plants
- Take precautions against wind and cold by wrapping fragile plants in burlap

**Summer**

**Winter**

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backyard PARTY CENTRAL

Work with a professional to create the perfect backyard entertaining space with these hardscaping features.

**DECKS**
- Elevated from the ground to provide a great view of your yard
- Often made of wood but synthetic materials offer a low maintenance option

**WATER**
- Fountains and ponds create a luxurious and soothing environment
- Water features add a natural ambiance to your outdoor space

**FIRE**
- Adds warmth and cozy comfort to your outdoor entertaining space
- Varieties include wood burning or natural gas firepits and fireplaces

**PATIOS**
- Complements the natural layout and features of your backyard
- Often made of materials such as paver stones, bricks or concrete

TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL, VISIT LOVEYOURLANDSCAPE.ORG
Robotic mowers will do the work for you, so you don’t have to lift a finger.

Portable projectors, blow-up screens or weather-proof televisions are perfect for movie nights or backyard tailgates.

Smart irrigation systems help the environment and your wallet. Don’t let your water go to waste!

Weatherproof speakers and sound systems add a new meaning to nature sounds.

Geek out while enjoying your backyard! Let nature and tech collide when maintaining and entertaining in your yard.