

GRASS FACTS

Did you know...

1. That Nitrogen is the ingredient that makes the plants grow.
2. Grass provides cats with a source protein, vitamins, nutrients and chlorophyll.
3. In the U.S. alone, it is estimated that there is more than 31 million acres of grass, about 50,000 square miles of it.
4. Grass plants are 70 to 80% water.
5. A single grass plant has 387 miles of root.
6. A 50-ft. by 50-ft. (2,500 sq. ft) lawn releases enough oxygen for a family of four.
7. One of the things most missed by soldiers during the Desert Storm Operation in the Middle East was a green lawn?
8. Grassy areas quickly effect people's moods by creating feelings of serenity, privacy, thoughtfulness or happiness.
9. Recovery rates among hospitalized patients are often quicker when their rooms view a landscaped area compared to patients with non-landscaped views.
10. A well-maintained lawn and landscape keeps your home cooler on hot days, reducing surface temperatures by 30 to 40 degrees compared with bare soil, and 50 to 70 degrees cooler than streets and driveways.
11. The front lawns of eight houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning. That's amazing when the average home has an air conditioner with just a three or four ton capacity.
12. A healthy 10,000-sq.-ft. lawn can absorb more than 6,000 gallons of rainwater without noticeable runoff.
13. Turfgrass acts as a natural filter, reducing pollution by purifying the water passing through its root zone.
14. Early Presidents Washington and Jefferson both used sheep to keep their home lawns at manageable heights.