

## THE ORCHARDS' LAWN CARE EXPECTATIONS

**Overall Care:** It is the responsibility of the lawn care company to provide a maintenance program to the Orchards' Board of Directors, so they can partner together in maintaining the grounds at an expectable level. The board is committed to maintaining and improving the grounds by adding to the aesthetics of the community.

We expect the company to have equipment to handle this process and apply the latest methods to get the job done correctly and efficiently. This would include weed and feed, mowing, edging and final clean-up of any grass and dirt that may have accumulated on the grounds during the process. We would also like you to identify any problems with the grounds and prepare a solution for the board to review.

Below are some guidelines and concerns the board has about the lawn care process.

1. Weed and feed
  - a. Identify problem areas
  - b. Apply at appropriate times during the year
2. Mowing
  - a. Mow at a speed that would cut the grass properly and safely for our homeowners
  - b. Maintain a proper grass height that would maintain a healthy lawn
  - c. Remove cut grass if it will damage the lawn
    - i. Bag or double cut
    - ii. Reduce thatch
  - d. Keep cut grass off mulched areas
3. Edging
  - a. Clean along sidewalks and flowerbeds
  - b. Do not create "trenches" beside sidewalks
  - c. Keep grass off mulched areas
4. Clean-up
  - a. Blow grass off driveways, sidewalks and patios keeping entrance ways clean
  - b. Blow grass off mulched areas, if needed
5. Mulch and extra items
  - a. Mulch and maintain common flower beds
  - b. Provide lawn care services to Homeowners, at their additional expense