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# Monthly Lawn Care Tips

# JANUARY: Don't Ignore the Lawn Just Because it is Winter

In most parts of the country, lawn grass goes dormant in the winter. In the north, it's too cold for any grass to grow so we wait patiently for spring - sometimes under snow cover, sometimes not. Lawn care doesn't quite end in the winter though. There are still some considerations and concerns that one should be aware of even in the winter.

## Clean it up

It is extremely important not to leave debris, leaves, or toys out on the lawn. These things can smother the grass, create disease conditions, and invite insects, mice and other damaging pests.

#### Be aware of traffic

Under snow cover, or exposed to the elements, dormant grass will tolerate a moderate amount of traffic but a heavily worn path will be slower to green up in the spring and cause compaction.

### **Monitor weather conditions**

Turf is very resilient and can tolerate an

extreme winter but certain conditions can be harmful in the long term. It might be worthwhile to chip away a little exposed ice in a low spot if you know a winter storm or deep freeze is approaching.

Winters can often be unpredictable and may put your lawn through some extreme conditions during the course of a winter. The best thing to do is make sure the grass has hardened off, you've "put the lawn to bed" properly, monitor the weather, and focus on keeping your sidewalks clear and building snowmen.



### In Conclusion

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