

# MARCH



## DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show mowing your lawn to a height of 4 inches prevents crabgrass as effectively as a chemical herbicide.

## Spring Mower Maintenance Checklist

- Sharpen mower blades
- Check filters and replace if necessary
- Clean spark plugs and replace if necessary
- Clean the deck
- Set the blades at 3 or 4 inches

## MOWING MARCH MADNESS

Get your lawn mower ready for the busy season ahead. Every 3 years, soil test in spring (or late fall) to determine what nutrients need to be added to the soil. Testing saves money, time and prevents over application of nutrients. Kits can be found at local Soil and Water Conservation District or Cooperative Extension offices.

- Lightly rake the lawn to remove compacted grass and snow mold caused by excess moisture.
- Start a compost pile with the first grass clippings of the season. Subsequent clippings should be left on the lawn as nature's fertilizer.