GOOD ADVICE FROM YOUR LAWN

Your children do cartwheels when they see me, and I am always here to cushion their fall. I'm your lawn. Soft and welcoming – and never high-maintenance. With a little care, I'll be here strong and steady. Waiting for you to come out and play.

Love, Your Lawn

Well-fed lawns are strong lawns

- Feeding 3-4 times a year builds a strong lawn that is ready to stand up to weeds, heat, drought and insects.
- * Some fertilizers are made for lawns, some aren't. Pick a fertilizer made for lawns. All-purpose fertilizers give grass more phosphorus than it needs.
- * Not sure what to do? Use the bag as your guide. Label directions will give you the information you need so that you won't over-feed and waste fertilizer.

Taller is better

- * You mow your lawn anyway, so keep its best interest in mind. Set your mower to the highest setting to build deep roots that reach water and nutrients in the soil better. Plus, lawns mowed high look more lush and green.
- Mow and feed your lawn at the same time by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. Clippings will break down and recycle nutrients back in to the soil.

Be water's friend

- * If you choose to water beyond what Mother Nature provides, wait until your lawn dulls in color or begins to wilt.
- When fertilizer lands on driveways or sidewalks, sweep it back on to the lawn to keep nutrients where the grass will use it and out of waterways.
- * Sometimes when its hot and dry, your lawn will go dormant and turn brown. Don't worry. It will bounce back once it starts to rain again, especially if you've fed it well.

Weeds and insects don't have to bug you

* If you have a few small problems, use a spot treatment. But when you have a lot of weeds or insects throughout your yard, use a broadcast application on the entire lawn. Choose a product that says it's for lawns on the label.

