

# Caring for native grasses

## ON YOUR PROPERTY

### MOWING

- Only once every 5 years or so; set mower 4" high
- Only after July 15 so young plant species and wildlife are not disturbed too soon
- Remove grass clippings/thatch after mowing

### LAWN CLIPPINGS

- Do not dump grass clippings on native grasses
- Dispose of your grass clippings in your compost, at City composting sites or in your garbage
- Clippings will block sunlight new seedlings need

### TOPSOIL

- Only extremely pure, seed-free topsoil can be carefully added to native grasses
- Note:** most topsoils contain seeds that should never be mixed with native grasses

### TREES/SHRUBS/ FLOWERS

- Do not plant shrubs or trees, annuals or perennials among native grasses
- Native grasses require sunlight and do not do well in shade
- Digging holes can disturb the root structure of the native grasses and promote weed growth

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**PLEASE NOTE:** *native grasses in public areas (i.e. adjacent to but not on your property) should not be disturbed in any way.*  
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