

We all know the lawn we'd like to have: one that's lush and green, beautifully landscaped, easy to maintain, and free of weeds, disease, bugs, and other pests. The question is, how do you grow a lawn that's mostly trouble-free?

The answer is easier than you think. Lawn care isn't difficult once you've established the type of turf that's right for your climate and location. If problems do crop up from time to time, you can cure them quickly before a lot of damage is done.

Remember, when grass is growing strong, caring for a lawn is more like the relaxing and enjoyable pastime it was meant to be. This section will help by taking the mystery out of soil, grass seeds, fertilizers, watering, and mowing.

You'll also find a section on ground covers--they're a gardener's delight for sidestepping difficult lawn problems such as shady spots, steep slopes, and poor soil conditions. And ground covers are beautiful, too. If you've never experimented with any of these attractive and easily cared for plants, get ready for a pleasant surprise when you do.

In short, all of the basic lawn-care information you need to know is here. Use it as you shape your turf into a masterpiece.