

Dear John:

John Deere Answers Your Lawn and Garden Woes



Mowing Safety Goal

Dear John: I think I should have a defensive play ready in case I run over a rock or something when I mow. Any suggestions?

Dear Saturday Afternoon Quarterback: You're right—a good defense is the best tactic when it comes to mowing safety.

To tackle problems before they happen, make sure to pick up any off-side objects between your yardlines—things like toys, tools, dog bones, sticks or stones—before you mow. If you do encounter some interference, stop the engine, make sure the blade isn't moving, disconnect the spark plug wire on a walk-behind model, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Have any damage repaired before restarting and operating the mower.

Dear John: My newly seeded lawn is thriving and I don't want to ruin it by mowing the wrong way. Can you help me out?

Dear Right-Way Corrigan: Mowing a young seeded lawn properly is especially important because it encourages the grass plants to spread out, resulting in a thicker lawn.

Newly seeded lawns are more delicate than established ones, so you have to be more careful when you mow them. The soil is soft and the grass plants usually aren't deeply rooted by the time of the first mowing. Because of this, let the grass grow a little beyond the

normal recommended cutting height of 6 to 8 cm for cool-season grasses, 5 cm for warm-season varieties. Then mow very lightly, removing less than a third of the grass blade. If the turf is too loosely knit to mow without damage, let the grass continue to grow a little more before you mow.

Dear John: Can you tell me how to transplant my tomatoes? Also, what's the easiest way to grow them in my garden?

Dear Love-Apple Lover: To set tomato plants into the garden, use a planting board (4 foot piece of wood with notches at 1-foot intervals) to mark rows and spacing for the plants. Set each plant into the soil slightly deeper than it was growing in the pot.

The easiest way for you to grow tomatoes in your garden is to plant them at 3-foot intervals and let them sprawl on the ground. Mulch around the plants with a bed of hay to keep the fruit relatively clean.

One problem with this "easy" method, however, is that the tomatoes can suffer from slugs and foot traffic because they're so close to the ground. Another problem is that the plants tend to sprawl onto pathways and into other vegetables. Because of this, you might want to go to the trouble of installing a trellis or stakes. The plants can then be spaced 2 feet apart.

Safety certificates awarded

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consisted of a bicycle safety film in the morning for all students, and in the afternoon a three-tier program was set up. Students were divided into one of three groups according to their grade. The three areas which students attended were:

1. An Instructional Area;
2. Bicycle Registration and Safety Inspection Area;
3. Bicycle Rodeo (where students drove their bicycles through five different courses including a figure-8 and an obstacle course).

All students participating in the rodeo were presented with Bicycle Safety Certificates, and C.P. Rail gave participation awards to a boy and a girl from each grade.

The "rules of the road" were stressed throughout the day, and we hope to see an improvement in bicyclists safety habits in the future.

We would like to thank all volunteers involved and especially Bev Roen and Rose Halonen of C.P. Rail for their work in organizing the Rodeo.

Annual Northshore Fun Run was a community success!



A total of 913 took part in Terrace Bay, which was good enough for second highest number of participants and third highest percentage. Schreiber saw 756 people participate. They lost their title as winning community with the highest percentage, but showed a respectable third in number and second in percentage of residents participating. However, the run was fun for all!



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