

What Do Car Seats Have To Do With Lawn Care?
June Lawn Care Tips
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When I was first married I had a sporty little silver car with a sunroof. After several years and 2 kids I graduated to another sporty silver car, this time a little larger so that we could fit 2 car seats. Next trade in forced me to give up on the "sporty" cars and get a minivan. It took me several weeks to accept the fact that I was a full-fledged family man now and since a car couldn't fit 3 car seats comfortably, minivan it was. The minivan seats 7 and I felt fairly confident that we could run that one into the ground with the current and future composition of our family. I was wrong! We are having twins, which brings our family up to a total of 5 children, and although the van seats 7, it does not seat 7 when 5 are in car seats.

So now our options include the following: Buy a 12 passenger van, ensuring a full seat for each of our children (we wouldn't have to worry about the inevitable, "Mom, She's touching me!"), Always plan on leaving one child at home (does the "No child left behind" initiative apply to family activities like the zoo, museums, and family vacations), or start feeding our oldest daughter a high protein diet so that she reaches 80# before the twins come (80# is the weight recommended for graduation from a booster seat. She weighs 48# now so that gives us 2 months for 32#, doable!!).

I don't know the answer yet to this dilemma, but I do know how to take care of my lawn in June so here goes:

June is a month where your spring preparations start paying off. There is not a lot of extra maintenance required this month so you can focus your efforts on other areas of your landscape.

- Keep watering deeply and infrequently! 1" every 7-10 days should be sufficient if you have a strong root system. Download our watering and fertilization guide off chanshare.com for a more detailed watering schedule. Don't just set your irrigation system and forget it. Watch the lawn for signs of stress and run a cycle when the lawn needs it.
- Sharpen your mower blade and never mow more than 1/3 of the blade at a time.
- If you didn't fertilize the end of May do so now.
- Hand-weed any undesirable plants. Make sure you get at least 2/3 of the root or the weed will return. Do not let them get to seed pod/flower stage or you will be fighting them for a long time!

If you can figure out a connection between the car seat dilemma and June's lawn care let me know. And if you have specific yard care questions please email them to customerservice@chanshare.com. I will either answer the questions directly or address them in a future newsletter.

As always, Happy Gardening!

