

What You Can Expect From Volunteers Who Mow Your Lawn.

We will bring a group of volunteers, often high school students with adult supervision. They will come with a Good Works staff person, or intern who will supervise the mowing of your lawn. We ask that you be present the entire time we are on your property mowing for you. Your interaction with the volunteers serving you is important, though we do not want this to be a burden to you. We will not mow your lawn without you being present.

They will mow and trim as much of your lawn as possible in the time available. This means that your entire lawn may not get mowed, particularly if it is a large yard. You should let our staff know what areas are most important to you to be mowed and we will try to get to the other areas if we are able. If you have a mower or tractor we will use that; however, we will also be bringing some of our own equipment.

We do provide gas for the mowers to mow your lawn. If you are able to make a one-time contribution of \$5-10 for this expense, it would be very

much appreciated, however, this is not an expectation. If you desire to do this, please give a check to the staff or intern who is leading the project.

Note: Occasionally we will bring the volunteers by and leave them to mow, while the staff person goes to the home of another neighbor to help them as well. While this is not our preference, we will let you know in advance if we have limited supervision and must do this. Please let us know if this is a problem for you.

What You Should NOT Expect from Volunteers Who Mow Your Lawn

- This is not a professional lawn service that will leave you with a manicured lawn.
- This is not a weekly mowing service.
- We will not just show up and mow your lawn. We will call you first ask when you will be available and to let you know when we will be able to come out.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions that you may have. We can be reached at 594-3336. Please ask for Paul Richard.



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A Statement about our Lawn Care Services

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Good Works' Neighbors Helping Neighbors provides volunteers for many projects to help people who are elderly, disabled and/or living on a fixed income. We want to help people take care of their property. One of the ways we have tried to help people is lawn care. This document will explain how we will provide lawn care services.

To better serve those in need of assistance with mowing, we create a Regular Mowing Rotation for our neighbors who need regular lawn care. We will accept eight of our neighbors for this schedule. After we have received applications and made our decisions, we will not accept others for regular mowing until one of these chooses to not have regular lawn care or until we have more volunteer resources available for mowing.

Those not on the Regular Mowing Rotation will be placed on the Occasional Mow List. While we recognize this may not be very helpful to someone, it is simply the best we can do with the resources we have. This may mean we do a one-time mowing project for you. When we have completed mowing for those on

the Regular Mowing Rotation, we will call those on the Occasional Mow List to see if we can help. There may also be a time when we have a lot of volunteers and can just send them out to those who need this help.

As much as we try to, we simply can't do all the mowing projects requested of us. Our decision is ***not*** based on a first-come-first served basis, but rather on the basis of the apparent need of the applications we receive.

When the mowing season begins, we will call you to set up a time to mow your lawn. Sometimes it will be the day before, other times in the morning of the day we can come out. If you do not want or need mowing at that time we will go on to the next person and call you again when you come up in the rotation. All lawns will be mowed in a rotating order week by week throughout the mowing season. ***Weekly mowing will not be possible.*** Once your lawn is mowed, all the other lawns will need to be done before we can come back and mow for you again. This should allow us to mow all yards once about every 2-3 weeks. There are times of the year when it becomes very difficult for us

to get through all the lawns. This is often the case April to June and September to November because most of our volunteers are here only on weekends. Depending on the time of year, it is possible that your lawn may get high. We apologize for this, but unfortunately there is not much we can do about this. We will do your lawn as soon as we can. If we do not have volunteers, we cannot mow your lawn. We do not send Good Works staff to mow people's lawns.

We recognize that this procedure may be an inconvenience for you. It is our vision that Neighbors Helping Neighbors will provide needed service to people who are not able to provide this for themselves. Not everyone who applies for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Mowing Service will be accepted. The deadline to submit your application is March 31. ***All our neighbors receiving this service will need to reapply each year. We do not assume that you want to use this service each year.*** We will review all the applications that we receive and select from those the individuals who will most benefit from this service.