



Homeowners Association

Yard of the Month Spotlight 2052 Meliana Dr



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Do you maintain your own yard or hire someone to maintain it for you?

I mow the yard every 5-7 days. Being OCD about it, I even do a "double cut" every time in opposite directions. I mow it at 2-1/4" height to choke out the weeds that try to invade but also to shade the root zone keeping it cool and moist,

I do not bag the clippings because as you apply fertilizer to the grass, then when the fertilizer is incorporated into new grass clippings I would throw out the fertilizer with the clippings; waste of money and resources.

FERTILIZER AND WATER

I fertilize about every 5 weeks at 50% the recommended rate on the bag. Keeps an even rate available to the grass. The fertilizer that I use is usually Scotts Max Green because it has 4% Iron in it to bring out the green color.

The watering is set to run every Monday and Friday finish by 8AM. Caution to set the drip lines to a longer duration than the spray heads because they deliver less water per unit of time. Set your sprinkler to Cycle and Soak setting to let the water absorb between cycles during the duration.

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What are your go-to flowers and plants that work well in the North Texas climate?

I primarily use 3 types of flowers successfully. Warm weather flowers are Vinca (heat and drought and rabbit tolerant) are my absolute favorite. They are extremely brightly color]er and very showy. Zinnias (the Pom Pom ty;e) are pretty much as hardy. Trick to make them even more productive is to Dead Head the spent flowers.

For Winter flowers I use pansies. They survived the last two years' winter freezes: Enough said. Remember to fertilize the flowers too. Liquid or granular works.

When it gets really hot and dry like now, don't depend on your sprinkler to take care of the plantings, use the hose without a nozzle and soak the plants individually every other day.