



The Ultimate Lawn Mower Maintenance Checklist

Keep Your Mower Running Like New All Season FREE DOWNLOAD



1. Before Every Mow

Take two minutes before starting your mower.

- ✓ Check the engine oil level.
- ✓ Inspect the blade for damage or excessive wear.
- ✓ Make sure the air filter is clean.
- ✓ Remove sticks, rocks, toys, and other obstacles from the lawn.
- ✓ Verify all safety controls operate correctly.

Why it matters

Most expensive mower repairs begin with something that could have been spotted before the engine was started.

2. Always Tilt Your Mower the Correct Way

Whenever you need to inspect or clean underneath your mower, always tilt it with the **air filter and carburetor facing upward**.

Tilting the mower the wrong direction can allow engine oil to enter the air filter or combustion chamber, causing difficult starting, smoking, or engine damage.



3. Keep the Air Filter Clean

A clogged air filter reduces engine performance and increases fuel consumption.

Foam Filters



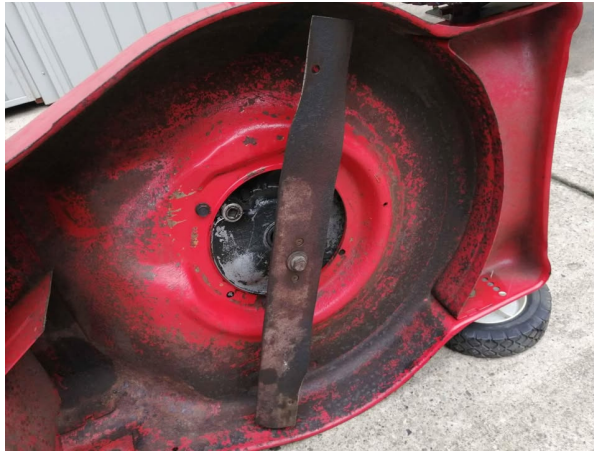
- Wash with warm soapy water.
- Allow to dry completely.
- Lightly saturate with clean engine oil.
- Squeeze out excess oil before reinstalling.

Paper Filters



- Tap gently to remove loose dirt.
- Replace if heavily contaminated or soaked with oil or fuel.
- Never clean with compressed air.

4. Clean the Mower Deck After Every Use



Grass buildup underneath the mower deck:

- Reduces cutting performance
- Restricts airflow
- Causes uneven mowing
- Promotes rust and corrosion

Use a plastic scraper or putty knife to remove dried grass after each mowing session.

A clean deck means a cleaner cut.

5. Check Engine Oil Frequently





Oil is the engine's lifeblood.

Before every use:

- ✓ Place mower on level ground.
- ✓ Allow the engine to sit for several minutes if recently operated.
- ✓ Verify oil is between the minimum and maximum marks.

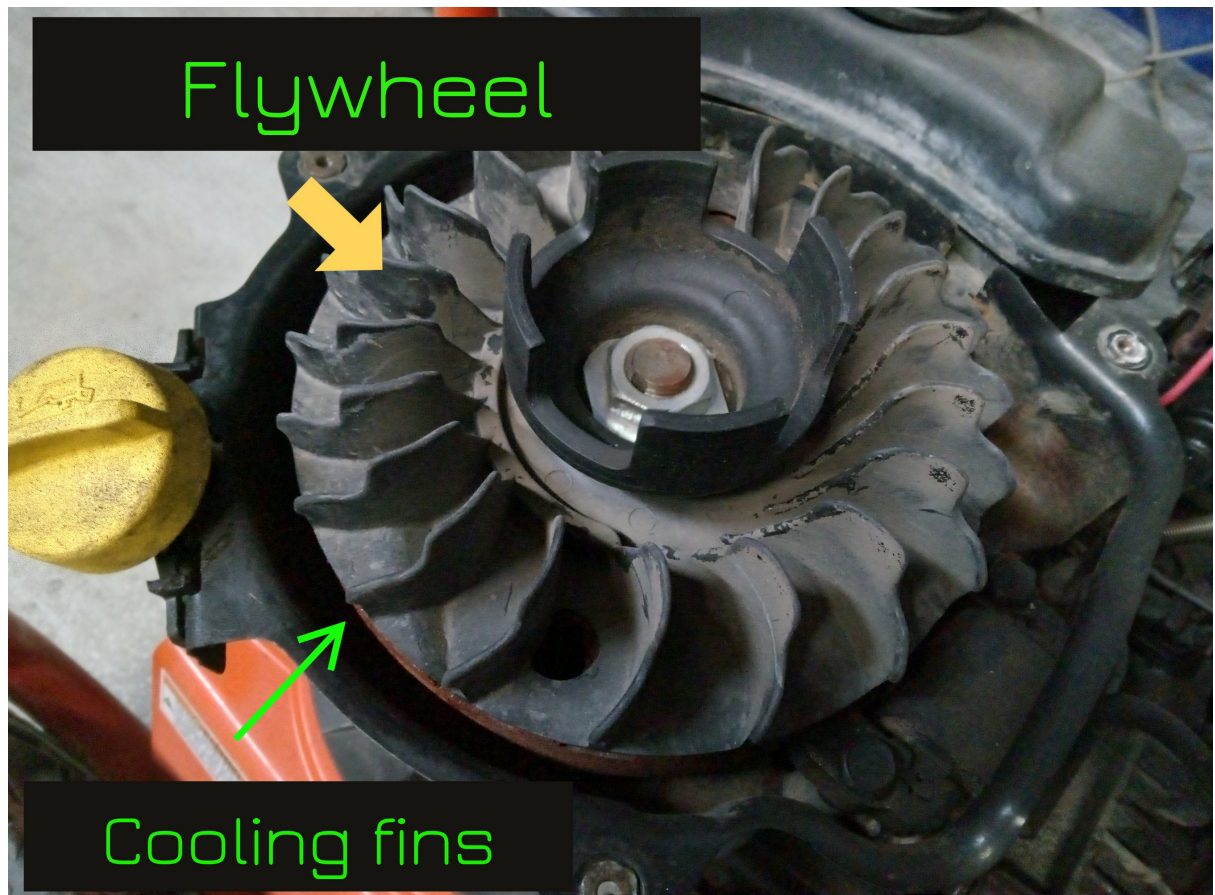
Never operate a mower with low oil.

6. Keep the Engine Cool

Small engines rely on cooling fins to dissipate heat.

Remove accumulated grass and debris from:

- Flywheel cooling fins
- Cylinder head cooling fins
- Engine shroud



A clean engine runs cooler and lasts much longer.

7. Lubricate Moving Parts

Once each mowing season, lubricate:

- Blade brake cable
- Linkages
- Wheel height adjusters
- Pivot points

A silicone lubricant works well because it doesn't attract dirt.

8. Store Your Mower Properly

Before storing your mower for the off-season:

- ✓ Run the fuel tank nearly empty or add fuel stabilizer.
- ✓ Drain the carburetor bowl if equipped.
- ✓ Change or inspect the oil.
- ✓ Remove the spark plug and add a small amount of clean engine oil to the cylinder.
- ✓ Store indoors in a dry location.

Proper storage prevents hard starting next season.

Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Item	Interval
Check oil	Before every use
Inspect air filter	Every fuel fill

Clean mower deck	After every mow
Clean air filter	Every 25 hours
Change engine oil	Every 25 hours
Clean cooling fins	Every 50 hours (more often in dusty conditions)
Inspect spark plug	Every 25 hours
Replace spark plug	Every 100 hours
Lubricate cables & linkages	Beginning of each mowing season

Avoid These Common Mistakes

- ✗ Mowing over rocks or hidden objects
- ✗ Running with dirty cooling fins
- ✗ Ignoring a dirty air filter
- ✗ Leaving your mower outside in the rain
- ✗ Storing fuel all winter without stabilizer
- ✗ Forgetting to clean the underside of the deck

Want to Learn How to Repair Your Lawn Mower Yourself?

This guide gives you the maintenance essentials. It's designed to help you keep your mower in top condition throughout the season.

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