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Annual Lawn Care

Spring



Spring is the time for sowing seeds and laying turf ready for the growing season.

As the warmer weather stimulates more vigorous growth, cut your lawn as often as possible to encourage a dense and even texture.

Apply spring fertilizers and weed and moss killers and if required continue with light scarifying.

As the ground firms up in drier weather, trim, and if necessary repair lawn edges. Remember when mowing to vary the turning point to avoid undue damage and wear.

Continue mowing regularly, remembering to increase the cutting height in drier weather. A slightly longer nap retains the moisture better and is less susceptible to burn.

Also during drier weather (hose pipe bans permitting), water lawns in early morning or late evening.

Continue with your weed control policy followed by light scarifying.

Summer



During the summer months, continue mowing regularly, twice a week if possible. Apart from stimulating healthy growth, this also helps to suppress weeds.

If the weather is particularly dry, raise the height-of-cut. Leaving weed-free clippings on the lawn will help preserve moisture.

Scarify lightly, but not in drought conditions, and if possible water regularly. Also, during very dry conditions aerate your lawn's surface helping to get moisture to the roots.

When dry and dusty check and clean the air filter on your lawnmower engine.

New lawns can also be sown in the late summer. These should receive their first cut before the season is over, trimming to a height of 4-5cm (1-2") – then avoid walking on any new lawns until the following spring.

For established lawns, raise the height-of-cut as grass growth slows, scarify vigorously to remove thatch and moss and if the lawn looks unhealthy, or if compacted, spike the surface to improve aeration.

Your final job for the late summer/early autumn is to top dress your lawn with a mixture made up of peat, sand and loam.

A top dressing spread onto the surface of your lawn will promote vigorous growth.

Autumn



Newly laid lawns should still be cut regularly but only down to a height of 4-5cm (1-2"). Reduce the frequency of mowing on established lawns. Spike, scarify and remedy any drainage problems.

As leaves start to fall, a regular program of collection should be implemented. If any areas of lawn have suffered through being in the shade, now is the time to trim back any trees or bushes.

All prunings, deadfall and accumulated garden waste can be shredded using an Atco Quiet Shredder and composted ready for the following spring.

During November, if weather permits, you should be making your final cut of the year. Once this has been completed your mower should be given a thorough cleaning.

Use a scraper to remove all dried mud, grass and leaves. Clean with a stiff brush and spray all exposed metal parts with oil.

Remember to get your lawnmower in for its annual service as soon as possible to avoid the spring rush.

And don't forget to regularly clear your lawn of leaves and debris. Keep off the grass if frosty or waterlogged to avoid lawn damage.

Winter



During the winter months it is better to avoid walking on your lawn, particularly if it is waterlogged or is heavily frosted.

When your lawn is dormant you have the opportunity to get your lawnmower serviced and blades sharpened at your local dealer.

When the worst of the winter months are over, it is time to plan any new lawns or major repairs. March is the time to sow new seeds and lay turf.

If the weather is mild and not too wet, scarify your lawns to remove dead thatch and moss. This is most effective if you have applied a dressing of moss killer a week or two before scarifying.

Once you start to see signs of lawn growth, it is time for the first cut of the season. Firstly scatter any worm casts with a broom and then with the blade set at its highest position, make your first sweep.

Gradually lower your cut during the season until the desired level is reached, but at this stage of the year do not cut too short and make sure you remove any clippings.



For over 80 years, Atco has been manufacturing fine British lawnmowers with a distinctive blend of traditional craftsmanship and modern technology. The Atco name is associated with outstanding performance and reliability and Atco is proud to hold two Royal Warrants, from both the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

For the traditional gardener, Atco's cylinder lawnmowers cut the grass with a scissor-like action, with the revolving cylinder blades slicing across a fixed plate. The result is a clean cut, which ensures healthy grass that is less susceptible to disease or weeds.

Atco rotary lawnmowers are designed for gardeners who have limited time but who still demand a fine lawn. Designed with practicality to the fore, you will find the range of petrol rotary mowers easy to use and simple to maintain.

The Atco 'Quiet' Shredder offers gardeners a safe and convenient solution to recycling garden debris, returning it to nature as quality compost or mulch.

Atco leads the field in helping to make the garden a 'greener' and more environmentally-friendly place. In fact, we are the first garden products manufacturer to be awarded the environmental management standard BS EN ISO 14001.

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The Windsor

Classic lines with the ease of electric power – featuring the advanced QX™ (Quick Exchange) cassette system, the ideal choice for the keen gardener with a small to medium sized lawn. The Windsor offers the convenience of electric power and provides the classically striped, close-cut finish that is traditionally associated with Atco cylinder lawnmowers.

The removable QX™ cylinder cutting cassette provides economic and trouble-free maintenance and the optional QX™ lawn scarifier cassette enhances the lawnmower's versatility by converting the Windsor into a powered lawn raker.

Built to provide years of service, the Windsor has a removable 5 bladed steel cutting cylinder, a spring tine comb (14" only) which lifts the grass prior to cutting to ensure an even cut, a stainless steel front roller and self-propulsion. The variable speed control

dial allows you to choose your preferred mowing speed, making turning and manoeuvring around borders easy.

Powered by a 340 Watt energy efficient motor, the Windsor has a generous 75 feet of cable allowing access to most areas of the garden and a large capacity grassbox with fitted compactor to minimise emptying trips.

The safety switch and full-width control bar, that engages the rear roller, are designed for operator comfort and the fold-down handle enables compact storage. When you need to change the cutting height, a simple flush-mounted adjuster allows you to do so in seconds with a simple turn of the dial and gives 5 pre-set cutting heights and one for scarifying. The Windsor – an ideal choice for gardeners who take pride in their lawns.



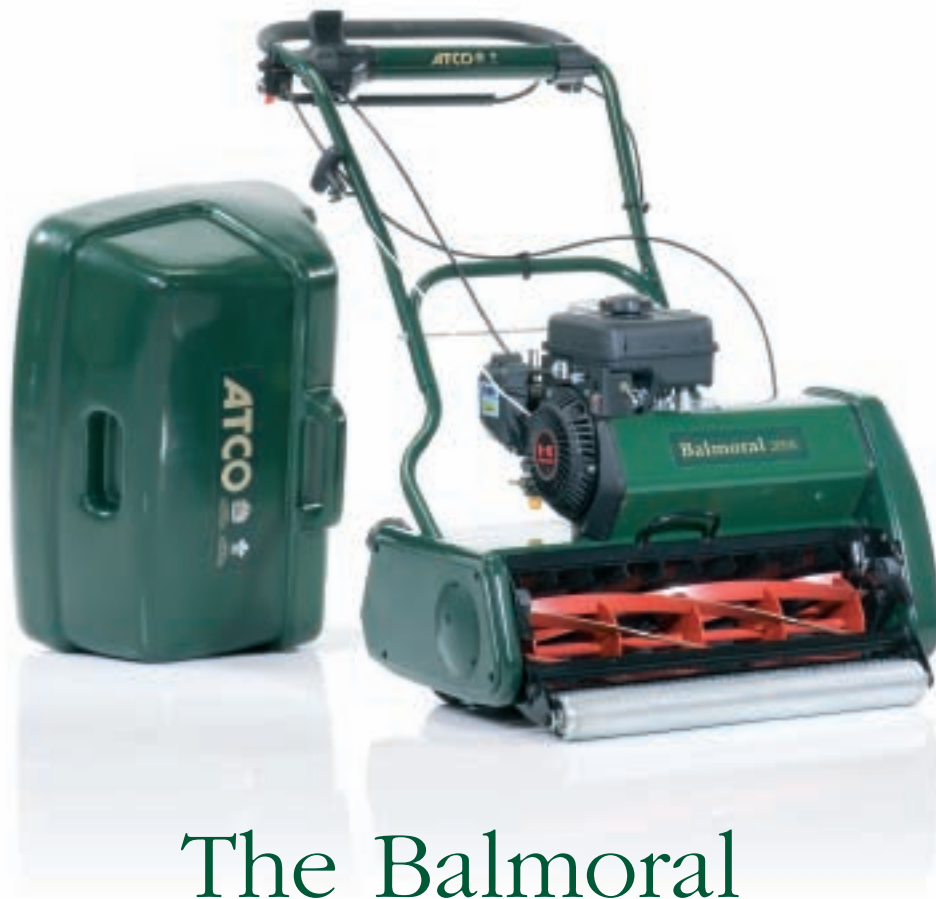
Grass compactor doubles the box capacity.



Five preset cutting heights at the turn of a dial. Plus a setting for scarifying.

Windsor	12S	14S
Type	Electric Cylinder Lawnmower	
Maximum cutting width	30cm (12")	35cm (14")
Cutting system	Cylinder	
Number of blades	5 blade cylinder cutting cassette	
QX™ Cassettes	Scarifier cassette available as optional extra	
Method of starting	Safety switch and full-width bale bar	
Self-propelled	Yes	
Cuts per metre (yard)	52 (48)	
Height-of-cut	10mm - 35mm	
Scarifying height	Ground level*	
Height-of-cut adjustment	Flush mounted dial - 5 pre-set heights, plus 1 for scarifying	
Handles	Folding, fixed height	
Rear roller	Yes	
Grassbox	Polypropylene with compactor (32L)	
Cable length	22.5m (75ft)	
Motor	Electric 340 Watt	
Maximum overall width	48cm (19")	52cm (20")
Weight including grassbox	24.5kg (53.9lb)	28kg (61.6lb)
Operator noise level	79dB(A) / GSPL 94dB(A)	
Guarantee	5 year parts and motor, 2 year labour	

** The scarifying setting may also be used as a cutting height ONLY if your lawn is firm, dry and level, otherwise scalping may occur.*



The Balmoral

Impeccable breeding, impeccable performance – the Balmoral is undoubtedly one of the best petrol cylinder lawnmowers on the market today. This superbly built machine features a recoil start low emission Kawasaki engine and the revolutionary QX™ system. This ‘Quick Exchange’ system allows you to not only remove the blade cassette for re-grinding or replacement purposes, but also to turn your lawnmower into a powered rake by substituting the standard six-bladed cassette with the QX™ Lawn Scarifier cassette accessory. An optional extra available on Balmorals is a 10-bladed QX™ cutting cassette for more frequent cutting – ideal for croquet lawns, tennis courts or wherever a fine lawn finish is required.

The combination of advanced lawnmower technology and a number of special features give the Balmoral an unbeatable cutting performance. For longer grass, you can attach the supplied side wheels which then elevate the mower to provide an effortless cut.

The spring tine comb also lifts the grass prior to cutting to ensure an even cut, and a stainless steel front roller and heavy steel rear roller produce those beautiful, classic stripes that are the hallmark of an Atco lawn. Manoeuvrability on the larger 17" and 20" models is further enhanced by a split differential on the rear roller.

The Balmoral is controlled by a three-way drive facility which allows the blades to be disengaged without stopping the engine, convenient for emptying the grassbox and for powered manoeuvres around the garden. Also, when mowing in awkward corners or around trees, you can disengage the drive for manual control.

Features such as foam-cushioned handles, a larger, more manageable throttle and micro-set cutting height adjuster are all designed to make mowing the lawn a positive pleasure.

The Balmoral, available in 14", 17" and 20" cutting widths.



Comfortable throttle control and three-way drive



A 10-bladed QX™ cutting cassette is available for more frequent cutting.

Balmoral	14SK	17SK	20SK
Type	Petrol Cylinder Lawnmower		
Maximum cutting width	35cm (14")	43cm (17")	51cm (20")
Cutting system	Cylinder		
Number of blades	6 blade cylinder cutting cassette		
QX™ Cassettes	10 blade cylinder cutting cassette and QX™ scarifier cassette available as optional extras		
Method of starting	Recoil		
Self-propelled	Yes		
Cuts per metre (yard)	79 (73)		
Height-of-cut	6*mm - 36mm		
Height-of-cut adjustment	A variable micro-set adjuster		
Handles	Folding, with 3 height settings		
Rear roller	Yes		
Grassbox	Impact resistant Polypropylene		
	52L	62L	70L
Engine	3hp 'Easy Start' low emission Kawasaki unleaded petrol engine		
Fuel tank capacity	1.6L (2 pints)		
Maximum overall width	51cm (20")	60cm (23")	68cm (27")
Weight including grassbox	45kg (99.2lb)	51kg (112.4lb)	54kg (119.1lb)
Operator noise level	81dB(A) / GSPL 96dB(A)		
Guarantee	3 year parts, 2 year engine and labour		

** The scarifying setting may also be used as a cutting height ONLY if your lawn is firm, dry and level, otherwise scalping may occur.*



The Royale

The King of ride-ons for classic lawns – probably the finest domestic cylinder lawn mower in the world, the Royale really is the ultimate lawn mower for the garden lover and fine lawn enthusiast. Being virtually hand-built by a small team of craftsmen, the quality of design, build and finish is unsurpassed, ensuring many years of trouble-free and efficient use. It is available in three cutting widths – 20", 24" and 30" all with key start.

The six-bladed cylinder can cut as low as 5mm for an immaculate close finish but can also cut as high as 35mm to cater for longer grass.

The steel front roller produces a smooth, even stripe whilst the steel rear roller has a bonded rubber cover to prevent any slippage or damage to the lawn's surface. The handle height is adjustable for maximum convenience and the rear roller can be driven independently of the cylinder, enabling the mower to be

driven from lawn to lawn with ease. A special cradle makes the large capacity grassbox easy to roll on and lift off without spilling the grass clippings.

One of the pleasures of owning a Royale is being able to convert it into a ride-on with the unique Atco auto-steer seat, available on all models as an optional accessory.

It can quickly and easily be connected and the one-piece padded seat offers supreme comfort whilst mowing. The seat comes with foot rests for increased comfort and manoeuvrability and has been cleverly designed to follow the centre line of the mower path without cutting across flower beds, however sharp the turn. The split steel roller provides stability when turning and the foot brake attachment gives efficient braking from a seated position.

The Royale – truly a king amongst lawn mowers.



Simple-to-use height-of-cut adjustment.



Blade disengagement lever.

Royale	20E I/C	24E I/C	30E I/C
Type	Key start Petrol Cylinder Lawnmower		
Maximum cutting width	51cm (20")	61cm (24")	76cm (30")
Cutting system	Cylinder		
Number of blades	6 blades		
Method of starting	Key		
Self-propelled	Yes		
Cuts per metre (yard)	73 (67)		
Height-of-cut	5mm - 35mm		
Height-of-cut adjustment	Fully variable with support stand		
Handles	Variable height adjustment		
Rear roller	Steel with bonded rubber		
Grassbox	Impact resistant Polypropylene		
	84L	96L	118L
Engine	Briggs and Stratton Intek Pro, OHV, 4-stroke, 6.5hp		
Fuel tank capacity	3.4 litres (6 pints)		
Maximum overall width	67cm (26")	77cm (30")	91cm (36")
Weight including grassbox	103kg (226.6lb)	111kg (244.2lb)	135kg (297lb)
Operator noise level	84dB(A)/GSPL 97dB(A)	84dB(A)/GSPL 97dB(A)	85dB(A)/GSPL 98 dB(A)
Guarantee	2 year parts and engine, 2 year labour		

For the professional user an impressive 4m/s₂ vibration rating means 4 hours continuous use for the Royale range



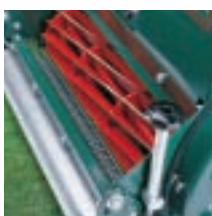
The Club

The pride of the greens – for a velvety-smooth finish for bowling greens, tennis courts and cricket pitches, the Club 20 I/C Professional provides the ideal solution. With a 12 bladed precision ground cylinder that cuts as low as 1.8mm, the Club achieves a truly impressive 146 cuts per metre.

The Club, with its large fuel tank and light aluminium grassbox, has been designed to give a perfect finish to large areas of turf. It has micro-set height-of-cut adjustment (1.8mm to 17mm) and adjustable front and rear rollers for an immaculate finish. To safeguard the smooth integrity of the rear roller, transport side wheels are available as an optional accessory.

The Royale and Club cylinder mowers have always been favoured by the discerning gardener or groundsman requiring perfection in the finish of their lawns and with the Briggs and Stratton INTEK PRO overhead valve engine the performance is even better. The 6.5hp high power engine offers many features including, large capacity fuel tank, engine stop switch, engine cut-out system with warning light to prevent starting when the oil pressure is low and an integrated fuel on-off switch.

If you require the best finish a mower can provide whether in your garden or for bowling greens, cricket pitches, tennis courts or croquet lawns the Royale and Club are the best that money can buy.



Micro-set height-of-cut adjustment.



Side wheel kit available

Club	20E I/C
Type	Recoil start Petrol Cylinder Lawnmower
Maximum cutting width	51cm (20")
Cutting system	Cylinder
Number of blades	12 blades
Method of starting	Recoil
Self-propelled	Yes
Cuts per metre (yard)	146 (133)
Height-of-cut	1.8mm - 17mm
Height-of-cut adjustment	Fully variable micro-set
Handles	Variable height adjustment
Rear roller	Split steel
Grassbox	Lightweight aluminium 60L
Engine	Briggs and Stratton Intek Pro, OHV, 4-stroke, 6.5hp
Fuel tank capacity	3.4 litres (6 pints)
Maximum overall width	77cm (30")
Weight including grassbox	92kg (202.4lb)
Operator noise level	84dB(A) / GSPL 97dB(A)
Guarantee	3 year parts and engine, 2 year labour

For the professional user an impressive 4m/s vibration rating means 4 hours continuous use for the Club



The Admiral

With a 16" hardened steel blade, the Admiral rotary mower is powered by an advanced Briggs and Stratton 5.0hp engine, which runs on unleaded petrol. It produces an excellent cut with a traditional striped finish and can easily handle undulating lawns and longer grass.

It is available as a push model or there are two self-propelled versions, which offer the choice of key or recoil start.

All models have full-width control bars, which give you maximum versatility to mow along the edge of the lawn or difficult areas.

The large slide home grassbag rests neatly on the handles and the fabric insert helps to minimise dust and debris in dry conditions.

Though elegant in design, the Admiral is a dedicated performer. It possesses a lightweight impact resistant cutting deck for manoeuvrability that won't rust or chip and the handlebar has a foam grip for maximum comfort.

The height of cut (10mm to 60mm) can be altered by simply turning a single knob which raises or lowers the deck, and when you have finished mowing the single action cam-lock folds down the handle for compact storage.

For those seeking an attractive striped finish on a larger lawn, without the absolute perfection or closeness of a cylinder cut, the Atco Admiral is the ideal lawnmower choice.



Large capacity slide-home grassbag.



Simple height-of-cut adjustment from 10-60mm.

Admiral	16	16S	16SE
Type	Petrol Rotary Lawnmower		
Maximum cutting width	40cm (16")		
Cutting system	Hardened steel rotary blade		
Method of Starting	Recoil	Recoil	Key
Self-propelled	No	Yes	Yes
Height-of-cut	10mm - 60mm		
Height-of-cut adjustment	Fully variable single dial		
Blade stopping time	Under 3 seconds (engine brake)		
Handles	Folding, fixed height		
Rear roller	Yes		
Grassbag	43L		
Engine	Briggs and Stratton 5.0hp		
Fuel tank capacity	1.5 Litres (2.5 pints)		
Maximum overall width	47cm (18")		
Weight including grassbag	25kg (55lb)	27kg (60lb)	30kg (66lb)
Operator noise level	85dB(A) / GSPL 96dB(A)		
Guarantee	3 year parts, 2 year engine and labour		



The Viscount

The Viscount rotary lawnmower benefits from a sleek, attractive design matched only by its durability, performance and comprehensive range of advanced features. Powered by a Briggs & Stratton 5.0hp engine, it possesses a lightweight impact resistant cutting deck for manoeuvrability that won't rust or chip and the handles are styled for maximum comfort. In addition, the twin-bar controls are within easy reach for safety and convenience and after mowing, the cam-lock lever enables you to fold down the handles for storage.

Cutting and collection performance is enhanced by a fan-assisted blade system. This creates additional air-flow underneath the deck which literally blasts the clippings into the large capacity grassbag.

This collection system ensures that emptying the easy to use slide-home grassbag is kept to a minimum.

The three-piece power-driven split differential rear roller allows you to steer the lawnmower when turning, eliminating the need for lifting or dragging, which in turn prevents scuffing your lawn.

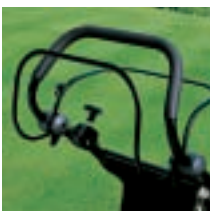
The Viscount features an easy to read height of cut indicator at the front of the deck that is adjusted by a single dial, changing the wide height of cut range from 13mm through to 63mm.

The Viscount is available with either recoil or key start and both versions are self-propelled.

The Atco Viscount – technologically advanced for your comfort.



Large capacity slide-home grassbag.



Twin-bar controls on all models and key start on 16SE.

Viscount	16	16SE
Type	Petrol Rotary Lawnmower	
Maximum cutting width	48cm (19")	
Cutting system	Hardened steel rotary blade	
Method of Starting	Recoil	Key
Self-propelled	Yes	
Height-of-cut	13mm - 63mm	
Height-of-cut adjustment	Fully variable single dial	
Blade stopping time	Under 3 seconds (engine brake)	
Handles	Folding, fixed height	
Rear roller	3 piece power driven differential	
Grassbag	'Air-flow' fan assisted 60L	
Engine	Briggs and Stratton 5.0hp	
Fuel tank capacity	1.5 Litres (2.5 pints)	
Maximum overall width	54cm (21")	
Weight including grassbag	33kg (73lb)	36kg (79lb)
Operator noise level	85dB(A) / GSPL 96dB(A)	
Guarantee	3 year parts, 2 year engine and labour	



Quiet Shredder 2200

Quietly recycling garden debris – The average garden generates a large amount of waste throughout the year, much of which has traditionally been burnt as the most convenient form of disposal. However, the environmentally-conscious gardener knows that not only is this bad for the atmosphere but it is also a waste of natural composting material.

The Atco Quiet Shredder offers an environmentally friendly solution to this perennial problem and with a powerful 2200 Watt motor can shred branches up to 38mm thick.

This model uses a cutting drum system that revolves at 40rpm and is extremely quiet at only 84dB(A)*, creating significantly less noise than a traditional impact blade shredder. It also comes complete with a strong fabric debris bag which conveniently locates onto integral bag hooks.

This unique shredding action has the advantage of self-feed, automatically drawing in the material which reduces the manual feed time and increases throughput. Reverse running and a blockage release system clears blockages without the need for dismantling the hopper.

The shredded material undergoes a “cut and crush” action producing small fractures in the chippings allowing access for micro-organisms and oxygen to accelerate the composting process. The shredded material can be used as a course layer in a compost heap or alternatively, shred and spread directly onto borders to provide a moisture retaining, weed suppressing layer.

Fitted with motor overload cut-out protection, a robust stand for stability, and wheels for superb manoeuvrability this is the ideal shredder for woody garden waste.



Adjustable drum – material is shredded by a combined crushing and cutting process.



Cut and crushed chippings for garden mulch or composting.

Quiet Shredder 2200	
Power (S6)	2200 Watt
Cutting capacity (up to)	38mm
Noise level (LwA)	84dB(A)* / GSPL 92dB(A)
Cutting system	Adjustable drum
Shredding speed	40 rpm
Material throughput	140kg/hr
Non-recoil automatic start	Yes
Hopper (filler funnel)	Low
Overload protection	Yes
Blockage release system	Yes
Reverse running	Yes
Manoeuvrability (wheels/handles)	Yes
Cable with plug	5m
Working height	Fixed 93cm
Weight	25kg
Guarantee	2 year parts and labour

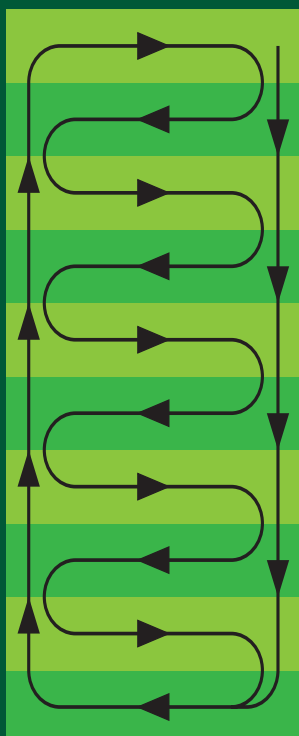
**Noise emission/acoustic power*

84dB(A): measured with fresh wood <91dB(A): measured by the "Blue Angel" test method (Ral UZ54) using dry wood, 92dB(A) guaranteed noise emission level: measured according to "2001/14/EC".

General Information

Creating Stripes

1. As a mower runs over a lawn, provided it has a roller, it forces the grass in one direction and then in the opposite direction creating stripes. The heavier the mower, the more defined the stripe.
2. Cylinder mowers accentuate the striping because the grass is cut in one direction only.
3. Follow a pattern of cutting as illustrated below. Firstly cut around the perimeter of your lawn to provide a turning area then cut in straight lines either up and down your lawn or side to side with each cut slightly overlapping the previous one.
4. Other patterns can also look effective i.e. diagonal stripes or a chequer board effect cutting in one direction and then at right angles.



A Guide to Scarifying

1. Thatch is layers of dead grass and moss which have accumulated on the surface of the soil and must be removed to maintain a healthy lawn.
2. There are two approaches to scarifying
 - i) Remove little and often from March through to October, except in drought conditions.
 - ii) A vigorous scarifying in the spring and autumn.
3. Scarifying by hand rake is hard work. The Balmoral and Windsor lawnmowers can be converted into a powered lawn raker by fitting the QX™ lawn scarifier cassette, making this task much easier.
4. It is a good idea to apply a moss killer to the lawn a week or two before scarifying so that the dead moss can be removed more effectively.
5. Throughout the autumn the QX™ lawn scarifier can be used to remove light debris from the lawn.



Quick Guide to Composting

1. Shred your garden refuse before putting it on the compost heap to encourage faster decomposition.
2. Your compost needs oxygen. Do not put material in a trench, as lack of ventilation causes rotting.
3. Makes sure it stays damp. Dryness stops the activity of micro-organisms. NB Do not let it get too damp, otherwise rotting will occur.
4. Shredded branches are recommended for the bottom layer, followed by layers of coarse and fine materials. Grass cuttings should be in very thin layers, otherwise rotting will occur.
5. Start your compost heap in direct contact with the ground. This allows decomposing bacteria to act on green tissues.
6. Suitable compost materials tree and hedge cuttings, leaves, organic kitchen waste. Cover the latter with earth to keep pests away.
7. The ideal site partly shaded and protected from the wind.
8. Nitrogen fertiliser, ripe compost, earth or lime will speed up decomposition. Sprinkle it thinly between the individual layers. Do not compact the heap so that air cannot penetrate.
9. Cover the finished compost heap – this encourages development of heat and prevents loss of humidity.
10. Alternatively, shred and spread directly onto borders to provide a moisture retaining, weed suppressing layer.

Product Care and Maintenance

1. Clean product after use and lightly oil any accessible moving parts i.e. blade on a lawnmower. This will ensure the product is in good working order the next time it is used.
2. After the cutting season is over give the product a good clean
 - Remove dried grass from the blades and decks of mowers. Clean any debris from shredding mechanisms.
 - Oil blades and shredding mechanisms. Check and replace damaged electrical cables on electric machines.
3. Winter storage rain petrol from lawnmower to prevent sludging. Periodically circulate oil through a petrol engine by a few pulls on the recoil start rope (with spark plug removed). Mower batteries should be fully charged and stored upright in a cool environment. Periodically give the battery a top up charge.
4. Prior to first cut of the season check for any visible problems i.e. leaking petrol tanks or damaged cables.

Winter is the ideal time to service your equipment. An Atco Authorised Service Agent will be able to conduct a full service and replace any worn parts. Get your cutting blades sharpened. The QX™ cassette system makes this easy by just having to take the cutting cylinder to the Service Agent.
5. Refer to your instruction manual for full details of care and maintenance.