

# Pearl's Premium "No Mow" Grass Lives Up To Claims

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Pearl's Premium "no mow" type grass does what it promises. It grows slowly, then tops out and falls over without matting up. Four years ago, I seeded several plots. It was planted in very poor soil conditions; yet it emerged and still thrives in 2014.

One of the claims for the grass is that it seldom needs to be mowed or watered again, after it is established." Here again, we put it to its harshest test. The grass was left uncut until the end of July. At that time two plots were clipped and the remainder left to grow. Grass blades had grown as much as 15 in. in length, but flopped over to be only 4 inches high.

A full month later, the clipped grass had recovered. However, it had grown out only a couple of inches, even though there had been plenty of rain. It's as slow growing as promised.

The sections left uncut have remained essentially unchanged since late July. The grass is no longer than it was then, and it still hasn't collapsed or matted.

Cut Pearl's Premium once or twice a season, or leave it alone throughout the season. Either way, it appears ideal for areas where a grass cover is desired, but a manicured look is not needed. Left to grow, it creates an attractive appearance, not wild and scraggly, simply eye-appealing mounds of long, green grass.

Pearl's Premium won the MassChallenge Award for innovations that can make positive societal change, and a Boston Museum of Science award for one of the



This stand of "no mow" type grass, planted in poor ground alongside Ruen's driveway, had not yet been cut at the end of July when this photo was taken. It forms a good-looking meadow, only 3 to 4 in. high. Most of the grass was 14 to 15 in. tall but it falls over so, from a distance, it has an attractive appearance.



Photos show other examples of low-maintenance Pearl's Premium lawns in the middle of summer. You water to get the lawn established and, due to the 12-in. roots, it seldom or never needs to be watered again in the North. In the South it will need supplemental water. If you cut it only once a month, it stands up as an ultra low-maintenance, 3 to 4-in. high lawn.

three best inventions to come out of New England, although it grows in all 50 states, having 300+ rave reviews by the experts and the media. If you cut it only once a month, it stands up as a low-maintenance manicured 3 to 4-in. high lawn.

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## Crank-Type Chainsaw Sharpener

Just turn the hand crank on the Timberline Sharpener, and the carbide cutter does the rest. The machined body clamps onto any bar by tightening two hand knobs, which lock it into position. Once in place, the chain can be pulled freely through to quickly sharpen each tooth. The tool acts as a jig to ensure every tooth is sharpened to the same height, length, and angle.

As a chain gets shorter from sharpening, the tool has an adjustable stop to push the chain into the carbide cutter. This makes it easy to be very precise and only shave a few .001's off of each tooth. The main body has two guide holes to match left and right teeth. It's recommended to sharpen one side of the chain completely before starting the other side as the rear adjustable stop may be tightened or loosened in order to shave off the same amount.

FARM SHOW ordered a Timberline

Sharpener and put it to the test with a well-worn chain. Before it was sharpened, the chain on my older Stihl 029 was so dull it took 30 sec. to crawl through a 10-in green ash log.

Setup was fast and easy. Once the billet aluminum body was in place and balanced level on the bar, sharpening went quickly. Fine filings made it clear the carbide cutter was doing its job. After sharpening, cutting that same log took just 10 sec.

The universal body accepts 4 sizes of available carbide cutters which all have a 1/4" diameter shank. A single set screw on the crank handle makes changing cutters easy.

The Timberline Sharpener comes with your choice of carbide cutter for \$124.95. Additional carbides are available for \$20 in sizes 5/32", 3/16", 13/64", and 7/32". The tool is set to sharpen at 30° which is the most universal angle, but accessory angle



Timberline's crank-type chainsaw sharpener comes with a carbide cutter that rides the bar. The operator pulls the chain through to sharpen each tooth.

guides (\$10) allow 25° and 35° sharpening for different hardness of wood.

To see how the sharpener works, visit [www.farmshow.com](http://www.farmshow.com)

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