

## Clear the Lawn of Debris and Standing Water

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Pick up any debris, such as wood, glass, stones, nails and other metal objects deposited on lawn areas. This debris is a safety hazard and can damage power mowers. Remove leaves or any other material, which can smother and kill the grass.

The degree of injury to the lawn will depend on duration of submergence in water, water depth, temperature, grass species, light intensity and the condition of grass prior to flooding. Most grasses will survive 4 to 6 days' submergence at normal summer temperatures. Aerate and lightly fertilize flooded areas as soon as possible after the water recedes. Areas submerged longer than 4 to 6 days may not survive and will require complete reestablishment.