

“LazyLawn” Looks Like The Real Thing

What if you never had to mow your lawn for the rest of your life?

If that sounds good to you, you might want to check out new LazyLawn synthetic turf with its 2-in. tall fibers that the company says looks so much like real Kentucky Blue Grass that it can be difficult to tell the difference. Best of all, there's no mowing, watering, fertilizing, thatching, weeding, edging, or pest control.

According to company president, Dale Potts in Scottsdale, Arizona, the artificial grass is as resilient and realistic looking as real grass, and much more dependable.

“The UV-protected polyethylene fibers in LazyLawn have been bent and spring-set to help prevent matting over time. They are water resistant and made from the softest fibre component in the industry,” he says. “A small amount of sand infill is required to stabilize the root of the fiber and weigh down the turf. Also, it has special shock absorbing backing that is perforated, called AquaDrain, which allows the turf to drain twice as fast as real grass sod.”

This turf comes in 12 by 100-ft. rolls and can be laid down like carpet.

Potts says it is unlikely that weeds will be able to grow up through the turf's backing, but if any did, they can be sprayed with a weed killer.

LazyLawn turf comes with a five-year

manufacturer's limited warranty against excessive wear and fading. Potts points out that removing any leaves, debris or doggie-dodo that may accumulate is easy with a leaf blower or a plastic lawn rake. By doing this, and annually applying the company's special UV spray treatment, Potts says the life expectancy of LazyLawn can be well over 10 years.

Drought and environmental concerns due to chemical applications are prime reasons why LazyLawn is catching on, according to Potts.

It has been used successfully from Arizona to Canada. If the turf gets cut or damaged in any way, it can simply be patched.

There are three different types of LazyLawn available. Homeowners may install the product themselves, or pay extra for professional installation. The total cost for a professionally installed LazyLawn runs between \$4 and \$7 per sq. foot.

“It doesn't take very long before your savings in grass maintenance pays for LazyLawn,” notes Potts.

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LazyLawn synthetic turf is said to be as resilient as real grass and requires no mowing, watering, fertilizing, or pest control.



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“Carry-All” Turns Pickup Into A Loader

You've never seen anything like this new “Carry-All” that hooks up to the front of any 4-WD pickup and can be equipped with a wide variety of attachments that allow it to perform almost any farm chore.

“It lets you make use of attachments you may already own,” says inventor Paul Wever, owner of Paul Wever Construction Equipment.

The unit consists of an arched steel frame with a pair of large caster wheels on front and a two-ball hitch system on back. The frame is equipped with a universal 3-pt. hitch and mounting for a front-end loader. Any 3-pt. hitch attachment or skid steer quick coupler attachment can be hooked up to the 3-pt. All attachments are powered by a self-contained electric/hydraulic power unit that's charged by the vehicle's battery.

A series of 1-in. dia. holes spaced on 5-in. centers are drilled into both sides of the frame, allowing the operator to adjust the position of the attachment. The design allows the attachment to be rotated 180 degrees when pulling the Carry-All behind the pickup.

More than 60 different attachments can be used on the rig, allowing you to do everything from mowing brush to grading dirt, removing snow and even doing bucket work. The attachments are supported by a pair of hydraulic-operated lift arms. Or, by equipping it with a telehandler, you can use it as a portable scaffold, man-lift, or forklift. The unit can be mounted in front of or behind a pickup.

In addition, a 2-cubic-yard dump box can be mounted on top of the frame.

All operations are controlled by a wireless remote control box in the cab.

“We've built two prototypes so far,” says Wever. “When people first see it, most of them assume that we've cut up the pickup or

at least modified it. But the vehicle isn't modified at all. We designed the unit for our construction business, but we think it may be useful for farmers, too, especially those who don't already have a loader tractor with a cab.”

The unit is available in three different models to match the size of your pickup or tractor, etc. The smallest model is designed for 20 to 40 hp tractors, 1,200 to 2,000-lb. skid loaders or 1/2-ton pickups. The medium size model is designed for 35 to 125 hp tractors, 2,000 to 4,000-lb. skid loaders, and 3/4 and 1-ton 4-WD pickups. The largest model is designed for 100 to 225 hp tractors, 4,000 to 6,000-lb. skid loaders, and 2 1/2 to 5-ton trucks.

On a pickup, the unit attaches to any standard snowplow hitch. Or, the front bumper can be replaced with a heavy duty one that Wever supplies. The bumper has a pair of 2 5/16-in. dia. balls on it spaced 34 in. apart.

When used with a tractor, the unit hooks up to a pair of 2 5/16-in. balls that replace the tractor's front weights.

The smallest model, equipped with a 3-pt. hitch and loader arms, sells for about \$6,000. A medium-sized unit that consists of a blade and loader sells about \$10,000. The largest model, equipped with a 10-ft. blade, sells for about \$13,500.

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Drawings (right) show some of the ways unit can be set up and used with tractors and pickups.



“Carry-All” hooks up to the front of any 4-WD pickup, tractor or skid steer loader. Its frame is equipped with a universal 3-pt. hitch and mounting for a front-end loader.



Unit can be equipped with a wide variety of attachments that allow it to perform almost any farm chore, including grading dirt. Company's largest model is shown here.

