

# **Cutting with String Trimmers or Weed Eaters in Arlington, Texas and the Southern Cross Timbers.**

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Although string trimmers are generally used in tight places where edgers and lawn mowers can not be used, the same or similar fashion of cutting turf and edging should be applied as relates to the cut height and edging of the turf.

Before beginning to mow a lawn a certain deck height is decided on. The same cut turf height should be uniform with both the lawn mower and the string trimmer.

If using a string trimmer in a tight place where a lawn mower can not cut the turf, care needs to be taken not to cut the turf shorter than the cut height of the lawn cut by the lawn mower.

Cutting grass grown from seed too short around trees, shrubs, edging and curbs both street curbs and landscaping curbs can cut the grass too short for the the grass to replenish itself and more seed will have to be applied.

Cutting St. Augustine grass too short around trees, shrubs, edging and curbs both street curbs and landscaping curbs can cut the grass blades too short and cut into the turf runners.

If this happens the grass is difficult to replenish on its own and St. Augustine turf plugs may need to be installed in the yard. If St. Augustine grass runners are cut in this manner carbohydrate release from the grass runners occurs leaving the turf vulnerable to brown patch fungus and take all patch fungus.

When using a string trimmer as a turf edger it is best to hold the trimmer where the string is cutting vertically when possible instead of horizontally to avoid damage to the turf as described above.