# **STEPS TO START A LAWN MOWING BUSINESS**

# **IDENTIFY YOUR WHY**



Why do You Want to Start? a lawn mowing business?
What type of garden care services would you like to offer?
Research your city to Determine if This is a Viable Business Model
Be Realistic About Your Physical Abilities-Mowing is Hard Work-Can You be on Your Feet All Day?
Lawn Mowing is Customer Intensive-Do You Have the Patience to Deal with Customers Issue?
Are You Prepared to Work Long Hours and put family and friends on the back burner?
Decide if You Can Quit Your Job to Start the Business or Start Part-time While Retaining Your Job

## RESEARCH NEIGHBORHOOD YOU WANT TO SERVICE



Why do You Want to Offer Lawnmowing In These Neighborhoods?
Who are the primary residents? What is their Lifestyle?
What do They Need?
How will You Provide What They Need?
What will be the Major issues for You to Address?

#### **IDENTIFY TYPE OF SERVICE TO OFFER**



	Research the Competition in Your City
	Identify the successful Lawn Mowing Companies
	How Will You Compete?
	Identify Your Brand and the USP You will Use to Attract Your Target Market
	Design Garden Care Resources Configuration-Number of People You Will Send on Each Appointment

## TAKE CARE OF THE LEGAL STUFF



Define Your Business Structure
Create Your Business Name
Obtain Your Business License, ABN, <u>Insurance</u> and Other Requirements in Your City
Open a Business Bank Account
Obtain a Business Phone Number

### **DESIGN YOUR BUSINESS**



Create a Busines Plan
Complete Your Goal Setting to Identify How You Will Meet Your Goals
Locate Products and Equipment That Fulfill Your USP and That Your Clients Will Appreciate
Create Your Marketing Plan and Design Your Ads
Set Your <u>Hourly Rate</u>
Order and Customize Business Forms and Cards