

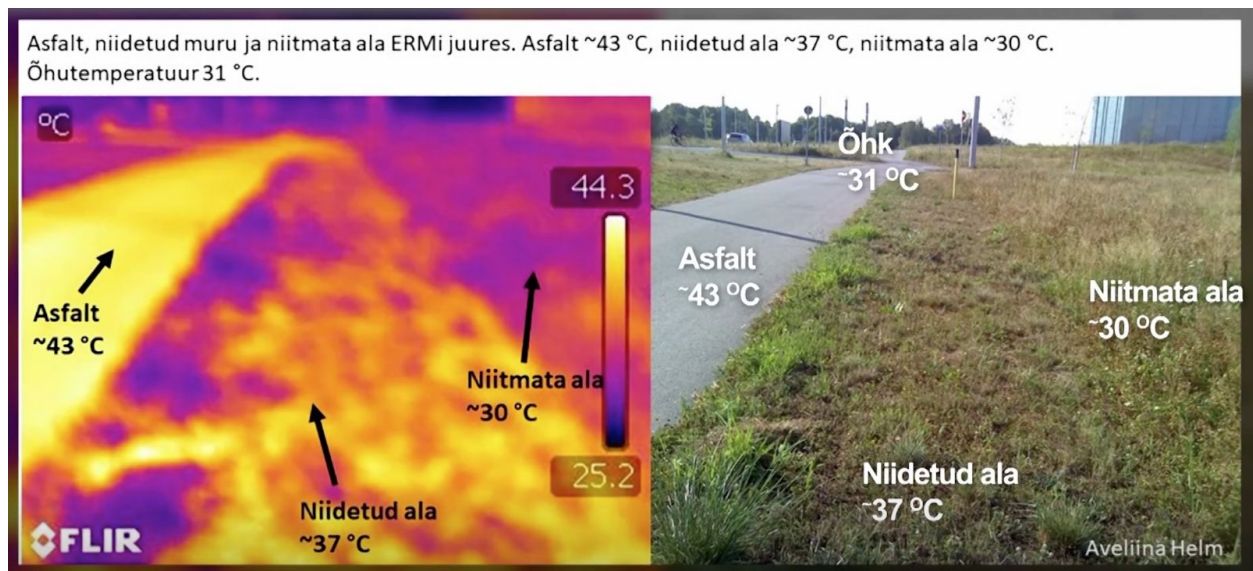
## Problem

Grass is mown too often. Consequences:

- Looks bad (soil erosion, flowers are cut, grass burns out when it's sunny)
- Noise and air pollution from lawn mowers
- Loss of biodiversity (plants, insects, small animals, hares)
- Waste of money

The law prescribing house owners to cut lawns near their property was cancelled in 2020

(<https://www.postimees.ee/6984200/tallinn-lopetab-niitmata-muru-pikkuse-mootmise>) - maybe people need more information about that.



## Appearance









It makes sense to cut grass (although it could be less frequent and using higher mowing techniques) in places where people may walk or have a picnic, for example parks. But the lawns located along sidewalks, roads and next to building walls look better unmown.

To further improve the appearance of grass plots in the city, we could:

- Sow short growing grass
  - Sow wild flowers and plant bulbs for early blooming in spring
- (<https://www.bauhaus.ee/valge-ristik-500-gr.html>)





Rotherham, South Yorkshire, UK, "Metropolitan Borough Council have planted 8 miles of wild flowers along the verges. It has saved £25k in mowing costs"







### Similar projects and links

Tartu - <https://tartu2024.ee/elurikkus>,  
<https://play.tv3.ee/laser-muru-ei-ole-ilus-muru-on-roppus-11024698>

UK - <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-48772448>,  
<https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/12/191219074744.htm>