

How to Maintain a Beautiful Lawn

RE-SEEDING:

To re-seed, cut the lawn as short as possible. Rake out all loose vegetation. Broadcast the seed as recommended on the package. Lightly brush the seed off the tops of the grass blades into the soil. Cover the seed with a light layer of soil, peat humus or peat moss. Keep the lawn moist until the seed germinates.

FEEDING:

In the fall, apply a fall/winter fertilizer to thicken and prepare the lawn for a quicker spring greening. In the spring, established lawns should be fed with lawn food and crabgrass preventer. Follow this up with either a straight lawn fertilizer or one that contains a herbicide to control weeds. For healthy laws, feed every 4-6 weeks. For an easy process, there is a four step fertilizing system available for the entire year. Be sure to watch for insects and fungus which can affect the feeding process. Come see the nursery for a solution.

GROWING:

Always keep your mower blades sharp. If not sharp, your lawn is susceptible to diseases and insects. Keep the grass height at 1 1/2" to 2", higher in the summer and lower in the winter. Tall blades of grass will shade the roots and decrease the level of water evaporation, leading to a thicker and healthier lawn. For over-seeded lawns, begin mowing 4-6 weeks after seeding.

WATERING:

Apply two inches of water per week in the summer months to penetrate the top twelve inches. A slow even watering is the best. You can perform a water audit by placing an empty coffee can out when watering and measure the amount in the can after a half hour of time then adjust as needed. Pulverized or pelletized gypsum can be applied to loosen compacted soils.

CHALLENGES:

Weeds, insects and diseases! The best defense against any of these is to keep a thick and healthy lawn. Always follow recommended label use and directions on any package. If any problem occurs, contact us for assistance.

Happy Gardening!

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