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Lawn Renovation 101

After a strenuous summer, some lawns may need rejuvenation and a makeover.

September and October are the best times, here are the easy to follow guidelines.

Step 1: Cut your lawn down to 1 ½ “

Step 2: Kill off any large patches of perennial weeds, Crabgrass should be cut at the base of the plant to eliminate foliage and seeds.

Step 3: Aerate your lawn provided it's not too wet.

Step 4: Allow the plugs to dry for a few days.

Step 5: Run a power rake to bring up thatch and dead grass.

Step 6: Fill in low spots before seeding, and rake evenly, if more than 2” of new soil is applied, tamp down with a roller.

Step 7: Apply a starter fertilizer to your whole lawn, 10-18-10 is recommended.

Step 8: Choose the proper seed blend- sunny, sun & shade, shade, heavy traffic areas.

Apply 5 lbs per 1000 sq.ft. on bare areas, 2 1/2# per 1000 sq.ft. for overseeding.

Step 9: top seeded area with clean straw mulch, or Grass seed accelerator.

Water well, then check daily to make sure the seed bed is moist.

Keep in mind, this time of the year is beneficial to growing a lawn. The days are shorter, the soil is warmer than spring, and moisture is more abundant every morning with a dew factor. Grass seed that takes 2-4 weeks in the spring, sometimes sprouts in less than a week.

Follow up with a winter fertilizer in November.

Happy Seeding!!

