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Some Random Landscape Thoughts



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Homeowners live for the summer. It is the reason why we invest so much into our outdoor living spaces and landscapes. However, summer has come to an end and your lawn is probably showing some signs of wear. It's part of the life cycle of grass and it can't really be prevented, but overseeding is a solution.

Overseeding can refresh and strengthen the affected areas of your lawn. It will help your grounds look as good as new, without the high expense of completely new sod.

It is best to overseed after dethatching and aerating your lawn. Dethatching and aerating are two different tasks, but they often go hand in hand to remove plugs of existing grass and soil from your lawn. This gives the seed its best opportunity to penetrate and take root.

Overseeding can also help with weed control. If you are seeing unwanted weeds in your lawn, overseeding can be a potential solution. After you dethatch and aerate your lawn, you will create room for new seeds. Those new seeds will crowd out weeds and replace them in time with lush new grass.

Fall is the best time to overseed a lawn. It is also an ideal time to apply a good dose of fertilizer before winter sets in, which offers a big hit of nutrients like phosphorous. Phosphorous supports root growth throughout the fall and winter; all the way into spring.

There are, however, some instances where you should not overseed. If you're having lawn problems related to dogs and other pets, then don't overseed. Likewise, if you are having pest or disease problems, then the issue will need to be corrected before overseeding.

If your lawn is suffering after a long and hot summer with lots of foot traffic, then overseeding is what your lawn needs.

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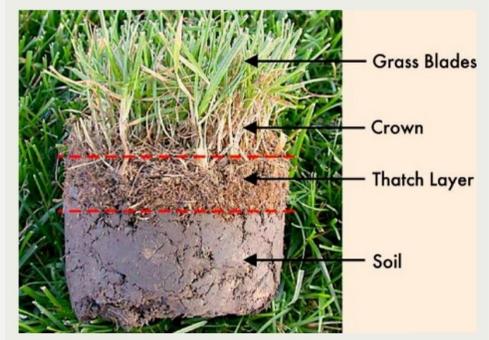


Dethatching

Dethatching removes the thick layer of decaying plant material so air, water, nutrients, and fertilizer can reach the soil better. It also helps your lawn drain more effectively.

Thatch removal is an essential part of keeping grass healthy. Lawns should be dethatched when it is actively growing and the soil is moderately moist.

Thatch is a layer of dead grass roots between the green grass blades and the soil surface.

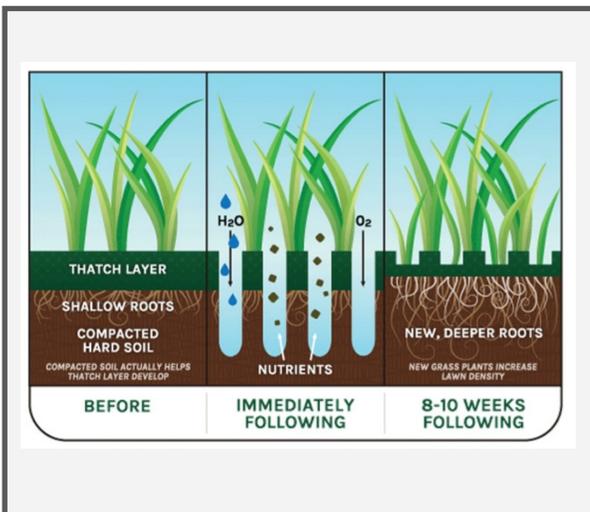


Aeration

Aeration creates holes down into the soil of your lawn and allows vital air, water, and nutrients to reach the roots.

This helps the roots grow more deeply and reinvigorates the lawn grass. It also encourages the grass to grow roots deeper into the ground.

Aeration is often followed by over-seeding. When grass seed is spread over the lawn, it falls into the newly created holes and creates deeper grass roots.



Dethatch and Aerate when your grass is in its peak growing season: early fall for cool-season grasses & late spring for warm season grasses

Spring Aeration is great for compacted soils to help utilize nutrients and moisture.

Fall Aeration is beneficial to help rejuvenate lawns. This is also the best time of year to overseed.

