



Lawn Care Calendar



Get a lush green lawn with less money by adopting some of these practices.

Late summer into fall is the best time to start improving the health of your lawn.

Late Summer - Fall

- Set mower height to 3-inches, leave grass clippings and keep mower blades sharp.
- Aerate, if needed.
- Topdress with 1/2-inch compost, if needed.
- Apply compost tea.
- Apply calcium rich lime, if needed, per soil test results.*

August 15 - September 15

- Overseed with low maintenance grass seeds (best done after topdressing with compost).
- Apply organic fertilizer, if needed, per soil test results.
- Apply beneficial nematodes for grub control, if needed.

October - November

- Lower mower height to 2-inches to prevent snow mold.
- Remove leaves.
- Rake up leaves or bag with mower and add to home compost pile or use them as mulch.
- Apply compost tea.

December - February

- Don't park or walk excessively on lawn.
- Tune up lawn mower and sharpen blades.

March/April (depending on conditions)

- Tune up lawn mower and sharpen blades (if not done during winter).
- Set mower height to 2-inches and gradually increase mowing height to 3-inches throughout the spring.
- If you have never done a soil test - get your soil test kit from your local Soil & Water Conservation District.
- Rake leaves, dead grass and debris and add to home compost pile.

May - June

- Apply calcium rich lime, if needed, per soil test results.*
- Set mower height to 3-inches, leave grass clippings and keep mower blades sharp.
- Aerate, if needed.
- Topdress with compost, if needed.
- Overseed thin or bare patches (between May 15th and June 15th is best).
- Apply beneficial nematodes for grub control, if needed.

Late June - Early August

- Set mower height to 3-inches, leave grass clippings and keep mower blades sharp.
- Apply compost tea, as desired.
- Water wisely: water deeply (0.5 to 0.75-inches) in the morning, twice weekly.
- Consider letting grass go dormant during drought (if you are not concerned about weeds).

*If your soil test recommends adding calcium-rich lime, only do so once per year.



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