

Maintenance Calendar



How many steps should I do?

Each step depends on your time and budget. You may want to do some steps multiple times a year if budget and time allows until soil conditions improve.

After your soil conditions improve, steps like aeration only need to be done once every few years as maintenance.



Spring (April-June)

- Remove weeds
- Overseed
- Sharpen mower blades
- Participate in “No Mow May” or mow to 3 inches, leave clippings
- Take soil percolation and chemistry tests
- Water deeply but infrequently

Summer (June-early August)

- Water deeply but infrequently unless in a drought
- Mow to 3 inches, leave clippings
- Apply nematodes late July for European Chafer grubs
- Take soil test (if not already done)



Fall (August-October)

- Apply nematodes mid-late August for Japanese and/or Asiatic Garden grubs
- Follow soil chemistry test results (adjust nutrients & pH)
- Aerate
- Topdress (if organic matter is low in soil test)
- Overseed
- Mow to 3 inches, bag clippings when weed seeds are present and compost
- Water deeply but infrequently
- Consider leaving some leaves as winter habitat for pollinators



Winter (November-April)

- Avoid piling snow on lawn
- Sweep up sand and salt from driveways and walkways
- Plan for spring!