



Renovating Your Lawn

A tired lawn can be restored to its original health and vigor. Healthy grass plants have the ability to increase the density of your lawn and produce a high quality turf condition. The following are some tips for renovating your lawn.

- 1. Mow Lawn Short**
 - a. Mow the lawn as short as possible and remove clippings.
- 2. Remove Dead Thatch**
 - a. Use a mechanical or hand rake to remove the dead thatch allowing seed to contact the soil.
- 3. Loosen Soil Surface**
 - a. Use a mechanical or hand rake to loosen the soil surface to a depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- 4. Apply Seed 1 to 3 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.**
 - a. From this point care for the seeding the same as you would a new lawn.

Maintaining Your Lawn

- 1. Remove Debris Early**
 - a. Mow at 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches as soon as the lawn begins to green up.
- 2. Mow Frequently**
 - a. Mow the lawn often and in different directions.
- 3. Water as Needed**
 - a. As weather conditions dictate, ensure moisture by allowing for approx. 1 inch per 10 days. DO NOT OVER WATER.
- 4. Fertilize**
 - a. Fertilize 2 to 3 times per year based on lawn grass needing $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season.
- 5. Fall Preparation**
 - a. Mow to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in late fall. Tall dormant grass will harm lawn if left over winter months.
- 6. Aeration**
 - a. A core aerator should be used on your lawn when the ground becomes compacted. Aeration will allow water and nutrients to reach the grass roots and should be done at least every other year.

