

FALL LAWN CARE TIPS

MOWING

First time of the season: mow grass 2” tall

During the season: mow grass 3” tall

Last time of the season: mow grass 2” tall to help prevent snow mold.

COMMON ERRORS:

- Mower blade too low, scalping the grass plant
- Mowing off 1/3 of the grass plant
- Mowing with a dull blade
- Infrequent mowing

AERATION

Soil becomes compacted over the years due to foot traffic, and other variables. A good way to loosen soil is to aerate. The easiest way is to rent a walk-behind aeration machine, or use gypsum. Best time to aerate is in the Fall, but it can also be done in late Spring and Summer. Aeration also reduces thatch. If you aerate during a season there is no reason the dethatch.

DETHATCHING

Late Spring and Fall are the best times to dethatch. Avoid early Spring when seeding plants are small. Renting a dethatching machine will give you the best results.

WATERING

Water only when needed. Water in early morning to mid afternoon. Apply at least 1” of water at a time to encourage longer roots. Avoid light frequent watering. This causes the roots to stay at the surface and makes the plant more susceptible to insects and disease.

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