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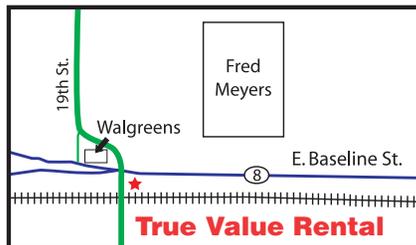
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**Guide to Lawn Care**



## Dethatching/Power Rake

If your lawn is dull, yellowing and lifeless it may be due to an excessive amount of thatch. Thatch is a layer of dead stems, roots and clippings between the soil's surface and the green vegetation, which can deprive your lawn of vital nutrients. A thatch layer of one-half inch or more also prohibits water and air from entering the grass roots and provides the perfect breeding environment for insects and disease. A simple process called dethatching provides the best solution to thatch build-up and can restore an unhealthy yellowing lawn.

Dethatching is a process that mechanically removes accumulated thatch using steel blades. Once this build up is eliminated, air, water and nutrients can flow freely to the roots, rejuvenating a yellowing lifeless lawn.

- 1 Thatch is a dense mat of roots, stems and grass clippings that accumulate between the soil and growing blades of grass.
- 2 Remove thatch buildup.
- 3 With thatch removed, air, water, nutrients, herbicides and pesticides can do their job. Turf becomes healthier and more resistant to insect damage disease.
- 4 Dethatching at regular intervals promotes denser growth and ensures you'll have a vibrant lawn.



## Aerating

Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration. Caused by lawn traffic such as walking and mowing, compaction is greatest in the top 2-3" of the soil. In compacted soil, dirt particles are forced together reducing the area where roots can grow. Aeration, the process of mechanically removing cores of turf, relieves compacted soil by improving the exchange of water and critical nutrients between the atmosphere and the grass roots.

Lawns that receive regular aeration will be greener, easier to maintain and suffer from fewer pest problems and disease.

- 1 Adequate amounts of vital turf nutrients including water, oxygen, nitrates, phosphorus and potassium are unable to reach the roots.
- 2 Aerators relieve soil compaction by removing evenly-spaced cores of turf up to 3" in depth.
- 3 Once the soil is aerated, air exchange is improved and the soil can easily absorb water, fertilizer and other nutrients.
- 4 Aeration promotes deeper root growth for a lawn that is lush, healthy and drought resistant.



## Overseeding

Lawns suffering from thin, bare patches or those without any grass at all require aggressive renovation techniques. The lawn may be revived by overseeding with a lawn seeder.

The hopper drops a measured amount of seed into the soil prepared by the action of the rotating knife blades. As the lawn seeder moves forward, the neoprene flap smooths the soil to cover the seed and aids germination.

Water thoroughly as soon as overseeding is complete and lightly each day until the seed germinates. Once the grass has sprouted, water regularly to encourage deeper growth.

## Overseeding for Better Turf

For best results, we recommend overseeding in two applications with the second application made at a 45-degree angle to the first. You'll notice a distinct crosspatch pattern in the affected soil as the blade cuts precisely aligned rows, allowing the seed to penetrate into the topsoil.

