

FALL LAWN CARE PROGRAM

During the winter months, the root system of your lawn is still active, therefore an application of fall fertilizer is very important. The fall fertilization will also help prolong green color in the fall and promote spring recovery. We recommend you use fertilome Southwest Green Maker. Lawns fertilized in the fall also show greater survival during winter months.

FALL FERTILIZATION DATES

Ideally fall fertilization application times are as follows. Common Bermuda and TIF Bermuda need its last fertilization from August 15th to September 15th. Fescue grasses need two fall fertilizations. The first of which is around September 1st and the second around November 1st (at half the recommended application rate). Buffalo grass needs its last fertilization around September 1st as well.

*Fall is the most effective time of the year to control broadleaf weeds such as dandelion, and clover. So remember to spray fertilome WeedOut.

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We also recommend that you apply a fall pre-emergent like fertilome Avert plus lawn food. Not only will you prevent grassy and broadleaf weeds from germinating for up to seven months but you will have you fall fertilization all in one bag. Then in late fall apply a high potassium Winterizer that will help to strengthen your root system through the cold winter months ahead. Don't forget you will need to add a dethacher to your lawn now to help to add back vital nutrients lost from the soil.

SEED A NEW FESCUE LAWN OR FILL IN BARE AREAS

Fall really is the best time to put in a fescue lawn or over seed an existing lawn. Fescue lawns that are seeded in the fall do not risk summer heat die out. Use 1lb. of fescue seed per 100sq feet for over-seeding or new lawn establishment. We like blends of fescue so that you get a blend of blade sizes. This is especially nice if you do not know the variety that you have. The seed blends are also usually made up of grass trial winners bred for stress tolerance.

OVER-SEED FOR A GREEN WINTER LAWN—YES TURN YOUR BROWN BERMUDA GREEN!!!

Good fall maintenance projects include trying to fill in muddy areas in the dog run or other blank spots in the lawn. September and October are the best times for these projects because over-seeding is best accomplished while the soil temperature is still warm but the air temperatures begin to cool. Bermuda lawns are soon going to be brown and dormant. You can have the green of summer all winter long even if you have Bermuda if you over-seed with annual or perennial rye grass. For complete how to directions see our handout on Over-seeding for a Green Winter Lawn.

*A reminder, consider applying a band of Powerforce insecticide around the foundation of your home to prevent insect invasion.

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