



Lawn Care

Fall Lawn Schedule

Organic Lawn Care

October *The perfect time for adding fertilizer, quality compost, or laying new sod.*

Established Lawn Use a top dressing of vegan compost on your lawn about a quarter inch thick. Compost builds soil quality, diversifies soil biology, and adds nutrients. One 40lb bag of vegan compost will cover 100 square feet. Supplement this with one application of the Microlife All-Purpose 6-2-4 organic fertilizer. Microlife is inoculated with Mycorrhizal fungi that build strong roots making your lawn hardier and drought resistant. Water your lawn deeply 1-2 times a week; 30-45 minutes a watering should be ample.

Fungus? October is notorious fungus weather, especially in lawns. If you see brown areas in your turf, take a closer look. Does the browning occur in circular patterns? You may have a fungus. **Do not** add Microlife. If possible, reduce your watering, and only water in the morning. Treat your entire lawn with Actino-iron biological fungicide. By using Actino-iron, you introduce fungi eating bacteria into your lawn. Remaining organic encourages these bacteria to establish themselves making your grass resistant to fungi.

Weeds? If you have problems with weeds, keep them well mowed. A healthy, organic lawn will choke out weeds. Apply spreadable corn gluten in early November as a pre-emergent fungicide, this will help keep seeds from germinating.

Laying New Sod Apply a half inch layer of compost to the area you will be laying sod. If your soil is compacted, aerate it by lightly turning the top couple inches with a shovel or turning fork. Make sure the ground is level before applying the sod. Press the sod down firmly on top of the compost; you want the roots to make contact. Water the sod every day for the first 2 weeks, then 3 times a week for the next month. By the end of this time your grass should only need watering 1-2 times a week.

Conventional Lawn Care

October *Now is the time to use a winterizing formula.*

Established Lawn Apply a fall fertilizer. We recommend the Nitro Phos winterizing formula.

Fungus? Before you use a fertilizer, make sure your lawn is disease free. Check for areas of brown. Does it have a circular pattern to it? You may have a fungus. Use Nitro Phos Eagle Turf Fungicide to stop the fungus. Wait 2 weeks before fertilizing.

Weeds? Existing weeds will need to be sprayed with an herbicide. Treat with Bonide Weed Beater. In November, apply Nitro Phos Barricade Pre-emergent to prevent any seed germination.

Laying New Sod Apply Soil Mender Turf Soil Builder to areas you wish to sod. Compacted areas should be aerated with light turning of the top few inches with a shovel or turning fork. . Make sure the ground is level and firm before applying the sod. Water the sod every day for the first 2 weeks, then 3 times a week for the next month. By the end of this time your grass should only need watering 1-2 times a week.