

Springtime Lawn Recovery

Apparently only 1 lawn in 10 ever gets fed!

If you only do one thing this spring please give your lawn a feed. Wait till you've cut the grass twice before you feed it – this means the grass is growing and will use the food.

If you are prepared to give your lawn some more tender loving care you should think about these jobs – see over for how to do each job.

1. If your grass is very 'thin' and you can see a lot of the earth you can overseed it with some grass seed
2. If there is a lot of moss you can treat that but you should decide which is worse, the moss or the weeds, and concentrate on that problem
3. If there are a lot of weeds amongst the grass you can kill them. The treatment for killing moss and weeds is good but not as effective as the ones that concentrate on just one of the problems



What you'll need

- **For feeding choose:**
Evergreen Extreme Green or Scott's Lawn Builder
- **For Overseeding choose:**
Miracle-Gro Lawn Thickener or Grass seed to match the existing quality of your grass
- **For treating Moss & Weeds:**
Choose a mosskiller or weedkiller combined with a feed -
- **A Spring Tine rake**

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Scarifying

This means physically removing dead grass or moss either with a wire tine rake or a power machine scarifier. In the spring we only do this to remove moss we've killed. Don't do it in the summer as it is a bit fierce on your grasses!

Applying Bi-Lime

Lawns tend to get a bit acidic over time and acidic soil tends to encourage moss and discourage grasses.

Bio-Lime is a safe and easy way to correct acidic lawns. Apply during Winter and early Spring.



Treating Moss

Spring is the perfect time to apply a mosskiller. Choose one that includes a food to encourage the grass to grow strongly.

Killing Weeds

Once you have cut your grass (and weeds) twice you can apply a lawn weedkiller which includes lawn food. You should wait for the two cuts so you know that the weeds are growing and will suck up the weedkiller and also wait three days after cutting so that the weeds have recovered from their haircut and are actively growing.



Overseeding your Lawn

Give your lawn a good firm rake with the Springtime Rake. This will tease the surface of the soil a bit and make it more receptive to the grass seed you will scatter over the lawn. Choose a lawnseed that matches your sort of grass e.g. fine grass or coarse grass. Apply at half the rate you would use for a new lawn – apply ½ kg over 20 square metres.

Miracle-Gro Lawn Thickener combines grass seed and feed

