

Do It Yourself Lawn Care

Great lawns Begin with Spring Care - In spring, it's recommended that you control seeds and apply a spring fertilizer that won't increase your mowing duties. How much lawn care you will need to do in spring depends on the quality of your lawn and any problems you might be having. First, start by raking the lawn to remove any debris, such as dead leaves and broken tree limbs that may be left over from winter. Get your lawn on a schedule of feedings for best results.

Lawns are like any plant and need proper nutrition and the most important thing you can do for yours is to feed it. A well-fed lawn is healthier, which means it has a better root system to combat heat, cold, drought, mowing, foot traffic and other stresses. That's a lot from simply feeding it. and while fertilizing only once a year will improve the condition of the lawn, a well-fed lawn that receives 4 feedings a year will do even better. Use the following information as your guide:

Early Spring (April)

Lawns wake up hungry in the spring. It is like waking up in the morning with an empty stomach. A spring feeding strengthens roots and gets the lawn off to a good start before the heavy growing season. In areas where crabgrass is a problem, it is wise to apply a combination fertilizer with a pre-emergent crabgrass control. Suggested products:

Greenview Crabgrass Control Plus Lawn Food - 27-0-4

Scotts Lawn Pro Step 1 - Crabgrass Preventer Plus Fertilizer - 28-0-7

Late Spring (Mid May - June)

Think of spring like lunch time. The lawn is busy and using up stored energy. Therefore it is important to supply the lawn with a feeding designed for this time of year. Since this is also a time when broadleaf weeds are actively growing, a combination fertilizer with broadleaf weed control is ideal for lawns where weeds are a problem. Suggested products:

Greenview Broadleaf Weed Control Plus Lawn Foods - 26-0-4

Scotts Lawn Pro Step 2 - Weed Control Plus Fertilizer - 28-0-6

Summer (Mid July - August)

Summer really is a lazy time, but the hot days of summer mean heat, drought, foot traffic and insects that can add stress to a lawn. An application at this time will protect and strengthen your grass against these problems. Lawns in warm-season grass areas should be fed over the summer months as they grow steadily from spring to fall. Suggested products:

Greenview Lawn Food with Nutri Life - 22-0-4

Scotts Lawn Pro Step 3 - Lawn Fertilizers with 2% Iron - 32-0-4

Fall (Mid September - October)

Fall is about summer recovery. It brings ideal conditions for lawns, such as cool nights, ample rainfall and morning dew. Now the lawn is ready to grow again, and is looking for the nutrients it needs to recover from summer damage. Some experts will say this is the single most important lawn feeding of the year. The final feeding is applied right before the winter months when grass is prepping for a winter nap. This will strengthen roots and increase nitrogen storage for an early spring green up and a healthier lawn next year. If weeds are a problem, you can apply a fall fertilizer with weed control. Suggested products:

Greenview Fall Fertilizer - 22-0-10

Scotts Lawn Pro Step 4 - Lawn Fertilizer 32-0-12

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Control Plus Fertilizer - 29-3-3

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