



Fall Lawn Care

The best time to reseed your lawn in Southern New Jersey is September through October

Step 1: In August, apply any needed weed control to your existing lawn. Wait at least 4-6 weeks before seeding. (If you have applied Crabgrass Preventer, it is best to wait 16 weeks before over seeding)

Step 2: To over-seed, first mow closely

Step 3: Dethatch or core aerate (if necessary) with a machine developed for lawn usage. A good raking with a bow rake is acceptable for dethatching

Step 4: If your ground has not been limed within the past six months, apply 50 lbs. per 1000 square feet of lime now. You can apply lime and seed at the same time. Laurel oak recommends a fast acting lime, such as Encap or Jonathan Green's Mag-i-Cal

Step 5: Fill ground depressions with Bumper Crop or topsoil. If your soil base is poor, spread new soil over the entire area. Remember, seed must come in contact with soil to germinate

Step 6: Apply Jonathan Green Winter Survival Fall Fertilizer or New Seeding & Sod Fertilizer now...both are good for over seeding. These can both be applied with new seed

Step 7: Seed your lawn – If you are uncertain what type of seed is best for your needs, please ask us. We will be glad to help you select the right grass seed and amount for your lawn

Step 8: After seeding, apply a thin layer of Bumper Crop or topsoil over the seeded area. This helps to hold the new seed in place, retains moisture and enhances your soil

Step 9: Water thoroughly. Water lightly once or twice a day – as needed to keep the seed continually damp, but not soaking wet. Continue to water for the next 30 days, as the weather dictates

Step 10: Enjoy your beautiful lawn all the next year!