

# The Acres of Green Lawn Care Program

At Acres of Green, we believe great lawns are built through consistency, proper timing, and attention to detail.

Anyone can spread fertilizer. What makes the difference is understanding what your lawn needs, when it needs it, and making adjustments based on weather, growing conditions, weed pressure, and the unique challenges we face here in Cincinnati.

Our six-round program is designed to strengthen your lawn from the soil up, improve color and density, reduce weeds, and help your lawn better tolerate heat, drought, insects, and disease.

We use professional-grade products that are not available at retail stores, and we apply them at the proper time throughout the growing season for maximum effectiveness.

## Round 1: Early Spring Foundation

### Products Applied

- Harrell's 15-1-8 Fertilizer
- 0.38% Barricade Pre-Emergent
- 41% Polyon Slow-Release Nitrogen
- 53% Ammonium Sulfate (AMS)
- Bio-enhanced soil components

### Why We Apply It

Round 1 sets the foundation for the entire season.

As soil temperatures begin to warm, crabgrass and many annual weeds start germinating. Once they emerge, they become much more difficult to control. Barricade creates a protective barrier in the soil that prevents many of these weeds from developing in the first place.

At the same time, your lawn is waking up from winter dormancy and needs nutrition to rebuild roots, develop density, and begin growing healthy green tissue.

The combination of quick-release and slow-release nitrogen provides both immediate green-up and steady feeding over time without excessive growth surges.

### Benefits

- Prevents crabgrass and many annual weeds
- Encourages early-season root development
- Promotes healthy spring green-up
- Reduces future weed pressure
- Builds a stronger foundation for the growing season

## **Round 2: Weed Control and Spring Growth**

### **Products Applied**

- Harrell's 20-0-4 Fertilizer
- 100% Polyon Slow-Release Nitrogen
- Bio-enhanced soil components
- Triplet SF Broadleaf Herbicide
- Triclopyr 4 Specialty Herbicide

### **Why We Apply It**

Spring is when broadleaf weeds become highly active.

Dandelions, clover, chickweed, wild violet, creeping charlie, and many other weeds are actively growing and easiest to control.

This round combines targeted weed control with long-lasting nutrition to help the lawn thicken while reducing competition from weeds.

Triclopyr provides enhanced control of difficult weeds that many standard weed control products struggle to eliminate.

### **Benefits**

- Controls broadleaf weeds
- Improves turf density
- Strengthens root systems
- Helps the lawn naturally crowd out future weeds
- Provides long-lasting nutrition without excessive top growth

## **Round 3: Grub Protection, Iron, and Summer Preparation**

### **Products Applied**

- Mallet Grub Control
- Harrell's MAX Non-Staining Iron
- Triplet SF Spot Treatments
- Harrell's ProtectMAX Quinclorac

### **Why We Apply It**

As summer approaches, we focus on protecting the lawn while improving appearance.

Mallet provides season-long protection against white grubs, one of the most destructive lawn insects in Ohio. Grubs feed on grass roots and can cause severe thinning, browning, and turf loss if left untreated.

Harrell'sMAX Iron delivers a rich, deep green color without forcing excessive growth. Unlike heavy nitrogen applications, iron enhances appearance without creating additional mowing requirements.

We also continue treating any remaining weeds through targeted spot spraying rather than blanket applications whenever possible.

### **Benefits**

- Full-season grub protection
- Rich, dark green color
- Reduced risk of summer turf damage
- Continued weed control
- Improved appearance without growth surges

## **Round 4: Summer Stress Management**

### **Products Applied**

- Harrell's 22-0-5 Fertilizer
- 100% Polyon Slow-Release Nitrogen

### **Why We Apply It**

Summer can be one of the most stressful periods for cool-season grasses in Cincinnati.

Heat, humidity, drought, foot traffic, and mowing stress all challenge the lawn's ability to remain healthy.

This application provides a steady, controlled release of nutrients that helps maintain color and vigor without creating excessive growth during hot weather.

The slow-release Polyon technology allows the lawn to receive nutrition gradually over an extended period.

### **Benefits**

- Supports summer stress tolerance
- Maintains color and density
- Encourages healthy root systems
- Helps the lawn better withstand heat and drought
- Reduces nutrient loss during summer weather

## **Round 5: Fall Recovery and Thickening**

### **Products Applied**

- Tall Turf 30-0-0 Liquid Fertilizer
- Stabilized Nitrogen Technology
- Optional Core Aeration & Overseeding

### **Why We Apply It**

Fall is the most important growing season for cool-season lawns.

As temperatures moderate, grass shifts energy into root development and recovery from summer stress.

This application provides a highly efficient nitrogen source that encourages thickening, recovery, and vigorous growth.

For homeowners seeking the highest level of lawn improvement, we strongly recommend Core Aeration and Overseeding during this period.

Aeration relieves soil compaction while overseeding introduces improved turf varieties that enhance density, color, disease resistance, drought tolerance, and overall appearance.

### **Benefits**

- Accelerates recovery from summer stress
- Promotes thicker turf
- Improves lawn density
- Encourages root development
- Creates ideal conditions for overseeding success

### **Optional Aeration & Overseeding Benefits**

- Reduces soil compaction
- Improves water infiltration
- Improves oxygen movement into the soil
- Thickens thin areas
- Introduces improved turfgrass genetics
- Produces long-term lawn improvement

## **Round 6: Winter Preparation and Long-Term Weed Control**

### **Products Applied**

- Harrell's 18-0-4 Fertilizer
- 40% Polyon Slow-Release Nitrogen
- Ammonium Sulfate (AMS)

- Bio-enhanced soil components
- Defendor Broadleaf Herbicide

### **Why We Apply It**

This is one of the most important applications of the entire year.

During late fall, grass plants naturally move carbohydrates and nutrients into their root systems for winter storage.

Proper fall fertilization strengthens roots, improves winter survival, and creates a healthier, faster green-up the following spring.

Defendor targets many broadleaf weeds that are actively transporting nutrients into their roots at this time of year, making fall one of the most effective seasons for weed control.

### **Benefits**

- Stronger roots going into winter
- Improved winter hardiness
- Earlier spring green-up
- Reduced weed pressure next season
- Better overall lawn health

### **Why Homeowners Choose Acres of Green**

#### **Professional Products**

We use industry leading, commercial-grade products designed for professional turf management. These products provide longer-lasting performance and more consistent results than cheaper grade alternatives.

#### **Proper Timing**

The best products in the world cannot overcome poor timing. We carefully schedule applications around soil temperatures, seasonal growth patterns, weather conditions, and weed life cycles.

#### **Attention to Detail**

Every property is different.

We monitor:

- Weed pressure
- Insect activity
- Disease concerns
- Soil conditions
- Shade patterns

- Irrigation practices
- Seasonal weather trends

When adjustments are needed, we make them.

### **Soil-First Approach**

Healthy lawns start below the surface.

Our program focuses not only on feeding grass blades but also on building stronger roots and healthier soil that support long-term success.

### **Communication**

We believe lawn care should be easy.

You'll receive:

- Scheduling notifications
- Service completion emails
- Clear instructions
- Seasonal lawn care tips
- Direct access when questions arise

### **Our Goal**

Our goal isn't simply to make your lawn look good for a few weeks.

Our goal is to build a healthier, thicker, greener lawn year after year while providing the kind of communication, reliability, and service experience that homeowners deserve.

That's the Acres of Green difference.

Thanks for taking an interest in our approach to lawn care.

Warmest regards,



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