

Aeration

What is Aeration?

Core aeration is the process of removing 1" diameter core plugs several inches in depth by operating a heavy, commercial grade machine over your lawn. The machine contains hollow steel teeth that cut into the soil and deposit the cores on the surface of your lawn. The key is to extract a good core, so aeration shoes and lightweight machines just don't work.

Benefits

Increases moisture penetration • Prepares lawn for overseeding (*see reverse side*) • Enhances oxygen exchange, encouraging healthy roots • Reduces soil compaction, especially soils high in clay • Supports penetration of fertilizers and other lawn products • Assists rate of thatch decomposition • Aids in root development

Timing

Aeration is typically done from mid spring to late fall as long as there is adequate soil moisture to ensure good plugs. We recommend an annual aeration, preferably in the fall, or every other year at a minimum.

After Care

The cores do not need to be raked up, as they break down naturally over a few weeks, filtering back into the lawn. Just leave the plugs where they are and mow as usual.

In Combination with Overseeding

Any lawn can be overseeded after aeration, adding hybrid grasses to help thicken thin areas or an entire lawn. Aeration and overseeding are two of the most beneficial services you can provide for your lawn.

Aeration vs. Dethatching

Although aeration is a form of dethatching, it should not be confused with a dethatcher/power rake, that aggressively tears the lawn, potentially doing more harm than good.

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