



Turf Talk

Overseeding

What is Overseeding?

Overseeding is the process of adding superior grass varieties into an existing lawn after core aeration. Overseeding involves spreading the new grass type(s) from a spreader into the holes made by the aerator. The newly germinated grass in the holes helps improve a healthy lawn's overall appearance and regain lost or thinning turf. Overseeding is not designed to establish a lawn but rather to introduce new grass into an existing turf area.

Benefits

Aids in resisting disease and insect damage • Improves overall appearance with better color and growth characteristics • Regains lost turf in the spring due to winter or ice damage and in the fall due to insect, disease or drought damage

In Conjunction with Topdressing

In the case of damaged patches of lawn or very thin areas, adding a layer of topdressing (soil/compost on the lawn surface) allows the new seed to germinate on both the surface of the lawn and in the aeration holes.

Variety of Grass Blends

We offer a wide variety of grass blends and are able to use these customized mixtures to improve your lawn in nearly any location. A lawn in the shade requires distinctly different grass than turf growing on a sandy slope in the full sun. In unusual cases we may even perform a double or triple aeration followed by an aggressive, heavy-rate overseeding with several turf blends in order to help reestablish lost turf.

Timing

The best results are achieved in the fall when the soil temperature is warm, the air temperature is decreasing, and annual weeds like crabgrass are dead or dying.