



Aftercare Instructions

A E R A T I O N

*Two easy steps
for caring for
your lawn after
aeration:*

*1. Leave plugs
where they lie.*

*2. Mow as
usual.*

Your lawn was aerated today by machines that extract cores of soil, thatch and grass. Plugs (cores of soil) 1" diameter and ½-2½" in length are on the surface of the lawn. Your aftercare instructions are to simply leave the plugs (cores of soil) where they are and to mow as usual at our preferred height of 3". Don't you love a service that can have such a positive impact on the health of your lawn and requires no extra work from you?

Depending on your grass type and height, you may see relatively large amounts of plugs lying on top of the lawn. If sections of your lawn, or your entire lawn were aerated more than once on this visit, you will of course have more plugs. This is normal and the plugs should be left alone. The plugs will breakdown naturally over time and with rainfall. Allowing them to filter back into the lawn aides the thatch decomposition process and adds nutrients.

Benefits of Core Aeration

- Increases moisture penetration by physically opening up the lawn and creating holes
- 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

Golf courses and athletic field managers realize the benefits of aeration on their turf fields and frequently aerate their grounds multiple times throughout the year. They know compaction can cause a lack of air for the surrounding grass and result in thinning over time. For most homeowners, aerating once a year in is sufficient.

We recommend an annual fall aeration to help your lawn recover from summer's heat and drought and to be better prepared for winter. If your lawn is thin or new, ask about overseeding in conjunction with aeration and/or our soil restoration services.

Thank you for choosing us to care for your lawn. For more information on our organic and traditional lawn care, tick control, new mosquito and black fly control, as well as all our green care services, visit our website and blog at chippersinc.com. For lawn care questions, please email turf@chippersinc.com.

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