

Fall



AUTUMN DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

There is nothing quite like autumn. Even early fall brings with it changes that we notice; crisper air, bluer skies, and all the memories that autumn conjures.

We love fall for the same reasons you do, and also because it's such a great time of the year for your landscape. Even with lingering hot days, your landscape thrives in the moderate temperatures of fall - both above ground and below ground, where your trees and shrubs are shifting into root-development mode. Because of the cooler, more predictable weather, fall is a great time to add plant material to your landscape. Planting now allows for trees, shrubs and landscape plants to establish themselves before entering dormancy this winter, leading to a healthier, more vigorous spring next year.

Now is the best time of the year to ensure your lawn recovers from the stresses of summer. Core-Plug Aeration is the most important service that we offer to help improve your lawn's health and appearance. Aeration is critical for the health of the root system; when the roots are strong and spreading the grass blades will be healthy, and vibrant. Call us today to get on our list for aerating and seeding and receive a 10% discount.

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The Hole Truth About Aeration

Achieving and maintaining the lawn of your dreams requires basic lawn care practices such as properly mowing, fertilizing and watering. To these practices be sure to include aeration. Aeration is vital because it ensures that air and water are able to penetrate any thatch or compacted soil and get to the root system of your turfgrass.

Over time, soil becomes compacted, preventing proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch can also starve the roots from these essential elements. Perforating the soil with small holes (aeration) to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots is the best way to alleviate compaction and break down any excess thatch.

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE IF YOUR LAWN SHOULD BE AERATED?

Any lawn can benefit from yearly aeration. But your lawn should definitely be aerated if it:

- Gets heavy use by children and pets running around the yard.
- Was established as part of a newly constructed home. Topsoil of newly constructed lawns is often stripped or buried, and the grass is established on subsoil which has been compacted by construction traffic.
- Dries out easily and has a spongy feel. This might mean your lawn has an excessive thatch problem. If the thatch layer is greater than one-half inch, aeration is recommended.
- Was established by sod, and soil layering exists. Sod, which comes with finer textured soil, is often laid down over existing coarser soil. This is called soil layering, and it disrupts drainage because water is held in the fine-textured soil, leading to poor root development and compacted soil. Aerating breaks up the layering, allowing water to flow through the soil more easily and reach the roots.

The best time for aeration is in the fall (during the growing season), when the grass can heal and fill in any open areas after soil plugs are removed. Overseeding right after aeration is a great way to augment the thickening process. Like all living things, your lawn's health depends on water, air and nutrients. Proper aeration ensures a healthy lawn for years to come.

