

# Timely Turf Tips

September 2010

Labor Day marks the end of the summer and the beginning of the end of lawn care activity! Cooler temps and regular rainfall make this a good time to start a new lawn or repair your existing lawn. Early to mid-September is the best time to plant grass seed.

## Lawn Care

Now is a GREAT time to renovate lawns that are in desperate need of care. We're talking lawns that are thin, have lots of weeds or bare spots.

1. Cut the grass as short as possible. This will act as living mulch. Rake off and compost clippings.
2. Remove thatch layer if greater than 1/2" thick.
3. Core aerate compacted soil.
4. Apply our 10-10-20 fertilizer: one pound per 200sq. ft.
5. Spread grass seed over the renovated area using a broadcast or drop-type spreader. Use 3-4 lbs per 1000 sq.ft. for sun mixes or 4-5 lbs for shady mixes. Apply half the total amount in one direction then the other half perpendicular to the first. Rake in for good seed to soil contact.
6. Fertilize renovated lawns next month.
7. Raise the mower back to 3-3.5" and cut the grass once it reaches 4".

Replace lawns that contain more than 50% weeds. Kill the existing lawn and reseed or sod. Starting over is easier and will give you quicker results. Ask us about our fast and easy hydro seeding.

Spray for perennial weeds in established lawns. Try one of our Weed Free Zone products to get rid of your dandelions, Creeping Charlie and clover. Receive 15% off with our coupon below!

## Garden Tips:

- Plant pansies now to enjoy this fall and next spring. They'll make a nice ground cover for spring bulbs!
- Move Amaryllis, Caladiums, Calla lilies and Tuberous Begonias inside for the winter and treat as you would your houseplants. OR dig, cure and store tender bulbs for winter. <http://tinyurl.com/2eokbt>
- Make one fall harvest of Rhubarb before the first killing frost. The stalks are safe to eat and the plant has had enough time to replenish its energy stores. Cut the rest of the stalks back after a hard freeze.
- Finish digging and dividing perennials as soon as possible. It's too late to divide Siberian Iris & Astilbe.

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