



# SEEDING THE LAWN

## Overseeding

### 1. Prepare the Area

Mow shorter than normal, no less than 2 inches, and rake clean. If thatch build-up is 2 inches or more, dethatch and cleanup.

### 2. Core Aeration

Use a core aerator and make 2 passes at 90 degree angles. The more disruption to the soil the better.

### 3. Topdress

The area to be seeded should be top dressed with a layer of humus or quality topsoil to a depth of 1/8 inch.

### 4. Seed

Let our staff help you select the seed that best suits your needs. Apply the seed at the recommended rate and incorporate into the top 1/8 inch of soil. Do not bury the seed too deeply.

### 5. Fertilize & Lime

Use a starter fertilizer and apply with a spreader according to the rates on the bag. Lime can be applied any time it is needed. Ideal pH for grass is 6.8-7.0. We can test the pH of your soil for free.

### 6. Mulch

Mulch the newly seeded area with straw, slat hay or Penn Mulch to protect seed.

### 7. Water

Water lightly on a daily basis, when there is no rain, until the seed begins to germinate. After germination, water more deeply and less frequently to encourage root growth.

### 8. Weed Killer

Do NOT apply weed killer or suppressant until the new grass has been mown three times.

## Barespot Seeding

### 1. Prepare the Soil

Breakup the soil surface with a rake or spade using a crisscross pattern.

### 2. Topdress

Topdress with a thin layer of humus or quality topsoil.

### 3. Follow steps 4-7 above for seeding.