


Lawn Planting



Northwest lawns can be seeded at any time during the year unless the ground is frozen. The best time to seed a lawn in the Puget Sound area is September - October or April - May. Weather conditions at these times are usually more favorable for seed germination and moisture retention in the seed beds.

Figure out the square footage as close as possible. (Length x width = square feet)

1. If soil amendments are needed, add an organic substance such as compost or manure, and rototill into existing soil preferably to a depth of 4 to 6 inches.
2. Rake and level area. Remove as many rocks that are bigger than golf balls as possible.
3. Fill lawn roller with water and roll area to compact soil. Find low spots and level those areas and roll them again.
4. Spread seed, fertilizer and lime. Lime is added to sweeten the soil, which lawns require. Spread seed, fertilizer, and lime in a criss-cross pattern to get a more uniform application. Set spreaders on the smallest opening that will allow material to pass. Continue a criss-cross pattern until the recommended amount has been spread. When spreader openings are set too wide, too much material can be released too quickly.
5. Top dress with compost to hold the moisture on the seed. Also this covers the seed to help protect it from birds and to speed germination. Water the seed and keep it moist until the grass comes up.
6. First mowing should be at about 3 to 4 weeks or when grass is about 3 inches tall. Mow down to approximately 2 inches high.
7. To **OVERSEED** an existing lawn, follow steps 4 & 5 above and apply seed at the rate of 2-3 pounds per 1000 square feet.

How to figure what supplies are needed

Decide which lawn seed is best suited to your needs. We have many varieties to choose from. Seed at 5 pounds per 1000 square feet (1 pound per 200 square feet).

Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer at the rate recommended on the package. Do not use a weed & feed fertilizer at this time.

Add lime at 30 pounds per 5000 square feet (for fast acting lime).

Top dress with 1/4" of Bumper Crop Soil Conditioner. One 3cu.ft bale will cover about four hundred square feet.



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