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# Maximizing Your Lawn

A guide to fall lawn maintenance by Fralich's Landscape



## Follow these easy steps to get the most out of your lawn.

For most of your landscape fall is the time to store energy and prepare for the winter. This is also true for your lawn. Following a simple process in the fall for your lawn can help maximize its sustainability in the winter and help boost regrowth in the spring.

### Dates to Remember

#### September

##### Mow and Water

Keep mowing and watering regularly. Aerate lawn to reduce compaction

#### October

##### Fertilize

Continue to mow and water until frost. Fertilize and keep leaves from piling up.

#### November

##### Leaves

Maintain leaves to keep them from piling up on your lawn.

### Fall Checklist

- Have a fall grade turf fertilizer ready to put down before the winter months
- Rent or hire an aeration service to loosen compacted soil
- Purchase grass seed to over-seed any thin or bare areas



# Steps to a Healthy Lawn

Follow these steps below for a healthy lawn in the Fall.

## Mow and Water

In the fall just because the temperature is falling doesn't mean you shouldn't mow your lawn. Keeping up with your mowing schedule will ensure that the grass maintains a healthy growth. This will also allow for sunlight to reach more of the plant.

## Aerate

Aeration of your lawn in the fall will allow for the reduction of yearly compaction of foot and mower traffic. Having a looser soil under your turf will allow for easier root production which will help lead to a thicker fuller lawn.

## Fall Fertilizer

Using a fall fertilizer will help boost both the roots and foliage of the lawn. Look for a slow release fertilizer with a 'winterizer' or one with a higher potassium count. The numbers are listed in order as Nitrogen-Phosphorous-Potassium (ex. 16-4-8). Potassium will help

## Leaf Clean-up

Cleaning up leaves in the lawn is critical in the fall. Leaves tend to block much needed air and sunlight for the plants. This will slow down any growth that will boost the lawn through winter.

\*\*\*If you have a mulching mower, Mulching leaves into your lawn is a good way to provide natural nutrients. Just be sure that you don't leave too thick of a layer on the lawn.\*\*\*





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