

Queen City Lawn and Landscaping - September 2015 Newsletter

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September is the best month to establish or rejuvenate your lawn. The summer heat gives way to the cool temperatures that the fall brings us. The dried dull looking lawns are ready for some TLC to bring that healthy green lush appearance it lost over the summer. No matter what condition your lawn is in, you need to aerate, seed, lime, and fertilize your lawn this month. This is the most beneficial thing you can do for your fescue lawn. If you need help with any of these beneficial services, please call our office or **Sign up online at www.queencitylawn.com**.

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Lawn Care for September:

September is a great month for:



- **SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER AERATION/SEEDING/LIME/FERTILIZER at www.queencitylawn.com**
- **Mow short and bag grass clippings prior to Seeding**
- **Applying Peat Moss with your Aeration/Seeding/Lime/Fertilizer will do wonders**

Landscaping for September:

September is a great month for:

- Pruning
- Install or Re-design your landscape
- Pine Needles/Mulch

Mowing During the Seeding Process:

Before seeding a lawn, you should mow shorter than normal and remove excess clippings by bagging. Water thoroughly the day before aeration and seeding. After seeding, you do not need to mow for at least 14 days, even longer in some cases. When you mow for the 1st time after seeding, mow on the highest setting and bag excessive clippings. We will take care of QCLL mowing customers during this process. On the week(s) we do not mow, we will trim, blow and check the progress of the seed. We do not offer credits for not mowing as the prep cut and the subsequent cuts after seeding are much more labor intensified than a regular cut.

ASK JOE THE LANDSCAPER:

Joe Morris is QCLL agronomic guru. Once a month he answers FAQ sent in by QCLL Customers. To submit your question for Joe, just email him at info@queencitylawn.com and he will be glad to give you his expert advice.

QCLL Customer: **What does applying Peat Moss to the lawn do?**

Joe the Landscaper: Applying peat moss during the fall aeration and seeding process will GREATLY enhance your results. Peat Moss is natural organic dirt that has a neutral pH that when applied year after year will become part of your top soil. The process is to aerate, seed, lime, and fertilize, then apply peat moss by hand in a thin layer (no more than a 1/8") over stressed areas. Lastly seed for the second time over the peat moss areas. The only disadvantage to peat moss is it can be costly, but the rewards are worth the money!!

QCLL Customer: **When is the best time to Aerate and Seed my lawn?**

Joe the Landscaper: Generally September and October, however try to do it in September so if there is a problem with germination it can be addressed before the frost. Since we guarantee our service, we would like to know by Oct 15th if an area needs redone.

WHY SHOULD I CORE AERATE MY LAWN?

Core Aeration is a vital service to have a healthy lawn. Fescue lawns should be aerated in the fall and early spring, where Bermuda lawns need aerated in the late spring. We have clay soil which is the worst soil type to have. Core aeration loosens soil compaction and allows water, air, and beneficial nutrients to get to the roots. Core aeration is instrumental in root development in new seedlings as well as mature grass. Never skip the opportunity to aerate your lawn.

WHY SHOULD I OVER-SEED MY LAWN IN THE FALL?

Fescue lawns require over-seeding to repair damage brought on by summer stresses. Unlike Bermuda, Fescue is not a self-repairing grass and should be done in conjunction with fall core aeration. You want to seed in the fall since

the spring treatment have Pre- and Post- Emergent that kill seed. Watering is necessary to ensure good germination rates.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I WATER MY LAWN AFTER SEEDING?

Each lawn will differ on how much water it takes to keep the seed bed moist. You want to keep it moist without making puddles in the lawn. This is achieved by watering multiple times a day. Typically, we want customers to water 2 times a day for 15-20 minutes for 14 days. This is a starting point, but you may need to adjust up or down depending on your lawn's need.

FALL FERTILIZER

Applying a well-balanced fall fertilizer is VERY IMPORTANT when you aerate and seed. Too many people forget this step. Using a good fall fertilizer will enhance seed germination and provide the proper root development the young grass needs. It is important that the lawn receives a big boost of phosphorus and nitrogen to help the seedlings along.

*****The lawn will need another fertilizer treatment 6 weeks after the Aeration and Seeding*****

September 2015 Specials:

- **\$20 off pruning**
- **Lime treatment \$35 (up to 8000 sqft)**
- **Aeration and seeding schedules are now open!! First come, First Serve!! Sign up online @ www.queencitylawn.com**
- **10% off peat moss and seed application**