**Spring Lawn Care**

As part of your Lawn Care treatment plan, you should be looking to apply a fertiliser in granule or liquid form 3 times a year. This should start in the spring with an early starter to get the grass going. The best lawn care feed to use in the spring is a high nitrogen feed that will stimulate growth in your lawn in a control and balanced way, as well as starting to make the grass look lush and green!

The type of fertiliser we use, slowly releases nutrients over a period of time to ensure you get a slow steady growth without excessive top growth.

We then recommend an organic summer release feed, supplemented with liquid feed if conditions turn dry.

Foliar fertiliser feeds that are absorbed into the plant by the leaf go directly into the plant for an instant response. A supplement seaweed liquid feed would be applied on a monthly basis from March to September. Benefits include longer and deeper root mass, healthier plants, increased disease resistance, improved fertiliser utilisation and increase drought tolerance.

Spring fertiliser can be applied from mid February. Fertiliser requirements will vary from lawn to lawn.

**Summer Lawn Care**

Raise mowing height so that the thick sward you have grown so far, can protect the soil from drying out.

Apply liquid feeds plus wetting agent, which is product which helps water penetrate into the soil in dry conditions.

Look out for diseases such as red thread which soon develops if the grass is under stress from heat or drought.
The autumn period is a very important time within the lawn care calendar. Put it to bed in the autumn in good condition and it will reward you in spring with a lawn full of potential; neglect the autumn work and the lawn will always struggle the next year.

We always recommend that the lawn should go into the winter months “Dry”, this could be achieved with aeration, aeration and aeration.

To aerate lawns we make holes in the lawn to let the roots breath and the grass and soil thrive. Lawns will benefit from this treatment once a year, normally at the beginning of the autumn (September/October) as long as the ground is nice and soft. This lawn care treatment normally follows a lawn scarification.

Lawn scarification is a mechanical raking process that removes the layer of thatch and dead moss from your lawn. This is a labour intensive job whereby the years of build-up and decline of your lawn can start to be undone. The lawn may look worse after the treatment but it is an essential part of a autumn lawn care plan.

Following aeration and scarification, many lawns will benefit from an application of top dressing (sand/soil mixture) plus additional grass seed to thicken and improve the quality of the lawn. Applying the Topdressing technique, if done correctly allows you to promote a healthy soil base without killing your existing turf.

Top dressing (finely sieved sand and soil) is used improve uneven lawns by filling in dips and hollows. As you have already aerated your lawn, the dressing will fill the spike holes, this will also be the time to over-seed as necessary, covering up bare areas left by moss invasion and worn areas.

The top dressing is brushed in to the aeration holes, keeping the holes open for longer improving drainage and encouraging the grass to produce more roots and a more resilient lawn.

We apply the product through a top dressing applicator and then brush it in. The dressing we use has been heat treated to ensure that there are no viable weed seeds in it, but not heated so much as to harm the beneficial bugs and bacteria essential within any living soil.
The cutting height should be gradually raised to 25mm, and continue mowing as growth allows through the winter.

The lawn should be thoroughly scarified, carried out in two directions. Lawns with a thatch problem should be hollow thinned and top dressed, (as we previously discussed).

Apply an autumn fertiliser low in Nitrogen, but high in Potash and Iron to harden the grass for winter and encourage good root growth.

Keep a look out for worm casts and leatherjacket activity and apply the necessary chemicals as required.

Weed control in grass is important to be carried out during the spring and the autumn. The best approach to controlling weeds in lawns is through growing a strong and healthy grass and spot treating weeds throughout the year.

There are three easy ways for you to identify that you have weeds within your lawns. These are:

- The grass looks patchy
- Flowers appear within the grass
- Patches may remain green during a drought

Believe it or not, weeds survive regular mowing, depending upon the type of weed they can spread through seeds being scattered by the wind, or they have creeping roots under the lawn which can create problems where grass is sparse.

Moss is a common problem in lawns especially following a dark and wet winter, particularly when little maintenance has been undertaken. As well as weed control, it's important to treat your lawn to eliminate moss in the Spring and Autumn. Regular moss treatment to remove moss from lawns is vital, if moss is left, it can push out the grass and starve the grass of its nutrients, not only that – it looks rather unpleasant in the summer months!

Regular scarification removes moss from your lawn, which in turn will help reduce the thatch layer that moss creates. The thatched layer stops the important air circulation and drainage through the soil. Scarification coupled with the use of chemicals are the main ways of treating moss.
To achieve a great looking lawn, so that all your neighbours will be “green” with envy; you need to carry out 6 fundamental lawn care treatments yearly.

1) Apply a Spring fertiliser
2) Eliminate weeds
3) Apply a Summer fertiliser
4) Aerate your lawn, and apply top dressing
5) Apply an Autumn fertiliser
6) Scarify your Lawn
7) Apply a Moss Control

Our top tips for a better lawn include;

• Mow little and often
• Don’t ever cut more than 1/3rd of grass height in one go
• Don’t mow too short (25 mm adequate)
• Water before it dries out
  (Give it a good watering once a week if it becomes hot and dry, not little and often, as most will be lost by evaporation)
• Keep your mower blade sharp
• Employ a good lawn care company to carry out keys tasks

For the best times to perform the treatments, check out our Lawn Care Calendar on the next page. Also, keep an eye on our blog, or sign up for our newsletter to receive monthly advice on how to care for your lawn. Visit www.prolawn-care.co.uk
# Lawn Care Calendar

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Bullets represent the optimum time period to perform various treatments to your lawns. The optimum lawn period may be started earlier or extended based on weather variations.

Dark bullets represent the best months for each activity, and lightly shaded bullets represent possible months.
Welcome to our Lawn Care Guide

Established in the year 2000, ProLawnCare are one of the UK’s “leading independent lawn care companies”, based in Buckden, Cambridgeshire, UK.

The knowledge we have within the business ensures that your lawn will always receive the best treatment it can, through years of know how and understanding of what makes a lawn great. We have a team of qualified technicians that will look after your lawn; headed up by our Managing Director, Richard Salmon (MBPR) who has been working in the horticulture and agriculture business for many years.

To find out more about our company, please visit our website; www.prolawncare.co.uk

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