



6990 NE 14<sup>th</sup> STREET \* ANKENY IA 50021  
PHONE (515)289-2020 \* FAX (515) 289-2255

*We pride ourselves on professional and timely service!*

## Fall Core Aeration & Over-Seeding

### Special points of interest:

- This is the time of the year when you can begin to set your mowing height lower. Remember, it is best to not remove more than 1/3 of the blade during a single mowing
- Begin dividing perennials except those that have not bloomed yet
- Fall is the best time to aerate & overseed your lawn
- Weed landscape and perennial beds as needed
- Make sure to call and get on our schedule to have your irrigation system shutdown and winterized before the weather turns cold



With the hot and dry summer we've had, not to mention the lack of rain causing many turf areas to die off completely, one of the best things you can do this Fall is to Aerate and Over-seed your lawn.

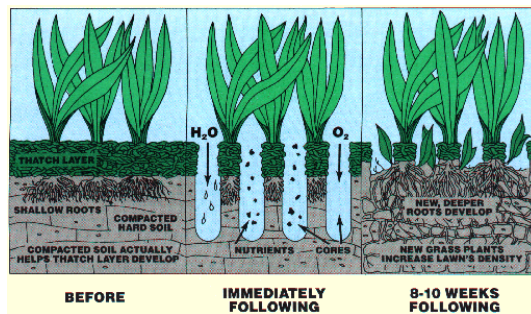
There are many advantages to aerating in the fall. It improves air exchange, enhances soil uptake of water and fertilizer, promotes stronger turfgrass roots, enhances heat and drought stress tolerance, and reduces soil compaction – just to name a few. It also helps to break down the thatch layer that has built in your lawn over the growing season.

Thatch is the layer of roots, stems, and other plant parts that keep nutrients from moving freely in the soil. Regular aeration can help to break this down naturally by mixing soil cores and speeding up decomposition in-turn increasing overall plant health. These holes also relieve pressure from compacted soils and let the oxygen and water move more freely in the root zone. Bare spots are a good sign that the soil may be heavily compacted or the thatch layer may be too thick.

Residential lawns may have poor soil conditions for a number of reasons. New homes are having their lawns built on a subsoil, instead of top soil, which is removed during the construction process. Many times, poor soil conditions are present simply because the soil has a high clay content in its profile and is more susceptible to compaction.

Seeding is also best done in conjunction with aeration. Turfgrass roots naturally grow towards the pockets where the cores are removed and thicken in the process. This will help to create a more lush and thick lawn. It is also important to remember that new seed must be kept moist in order to germinate.

Call today to get a FREE estimate for your lawn-- you will thank us next spring!



Subscribe, follow, or friend us:



Locally owned and operated, serving Des Moines and the surrounding areas for over 25 years!