



Over Seeding Your Lawn

Step One	A thin lawn that is not too weedy may only need repair as opposed to being replaced. Repair can include over seeding. The most important part of the over seeding process is to ensure that the new seed is in contact with the soil. The soil can be prepared by first mowing the existing lawn as low as possible.
Step Two	After the initial mowing, rake up any grass clippings, then mow and rake again. This will help to expose the existing soil. The next step will be to scratch the soil vigorously with a metal garden rake creating a good soil bed for the new seed.
Step Three	Top dress your lawn with a very thin layer of compost before adding the new seed. When adding the compost make sure you do not bury the existing grass. Lightly rake a thin, even layer across the entire area to be over seeded.
Step Four	Spread your grass seed evenly over the area using a rotary spreader or by hand using the amount specified on the packaging for over seeding. Spreading your seed a little heavier than instructed is okay when over seeding. Be sure to choose a variety of seed that will come close to matching your existing lawn.
Step Five	Once your grass seed is spread, lightly rake it into the compost top dressing. Water the area daily until the new seed germinates. Do not mow again until the new grass has reached 2-3 inches and is well established.
Step Six	The best time to over seed a lawn is in the spring or fall when the ground temperatures are 50 degrees and rising. Speak to one of our sales representatives if you have any questions on how to improve the look and feel of your lawn.

If you have any questions, call or stop by either of our two locations.

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