



# Trainer's Toolbox

# Fall Lawn Care FAQs



# How do I repair a lawn bare spot?

- Make sure you know what is causing the bare spot.
- Use a patching product that includes both seed and fertilizer.
- Keep the area watered after patching.







# What is the best time of the year to repair lawn bare spots?

- Plant seed when soil temperature is 50 degrees or higher.
- Plant warm season grasses in the spring.
- Plant cold season grasses in the fall.







## What is aerating the lawn and how often should I do it?

- You are removing plugs of soil from the lawn.
- Plugs allow air, water and nutrients to get deep to the roots.
- Aerate clay soil twice a year.
- Aerate sandy soil once a year.







## What is lawn thatch?

- Thatch is a layer of stems and crowns of dead grass.
- It decomposes slowly.
- It can prevent nutrients from reaching grass roots.
- It can encourage pests and disease.







# How can I tell if I should dethatch my lawn?

- Dethatch after the level of thatch passes  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.
- Some thatch can function as insulation.
- Too much thatch can prevent moisture, air and nutrients from reaching the soil.







## Should I fertilize the lawn in the fall?

- Fertilizer will help a lawn recover from the summer.
- Fertilizer will help build strong grass roots.
- Fertilizer will help grass start strong in the spring.



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