



FALL TO-DO LIST FOR A HEALTHY LAWN

❑ **Get a soil test.** Did you know your lawn can talk to you? Whether it's through weeds, or empty patches, the look of your lawn tells you about the health of the soil.



Using the results of the test, you can buy compost or nutrients that give your soil what it **NEEDS** and none of what it doesn't.



❑ **Add grass seed.** Fall is the perfect time to restore bare patches of lawn with seed.

❑ **Prep your lawn for winter.**

• **Dethatch.** Thatch is dead, decaying material that can host insects or fungi, and diminish the health of your lawn.



• **Aerate the soil** (add small holes) to allow water and nutrients to penetrate.

Talk to your lawn care provider about aeration or rent a core aerator from your local hardware store. Ask your neighbors if they want to join you in renting or buying an aerator!



• **Add compost.**

❑ **Actions for every season.**

- Keep your mower blades sharp and let grass grow long.
- "Grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings or chopped leaves on your lawn. They act as fertilizer.
- Water deeply but infrequently.
- Remove weeds.



FALL IS A GREAT TIME FOR ORGANIC LAWN CARE!

A beautiful lawn next spring starts with simple actions you can take this fall.

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- ✓ **Remove weeds.**

Talk to your lawn care provider. They're experts!

WHY SWITCH TO ORGANIC LAWN CARE?

- ✓ Healthier for your kids
- ✓ Healthier for your pets
- ✓ Healthier for your lawn
- ✓ Healthier for the environment



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