

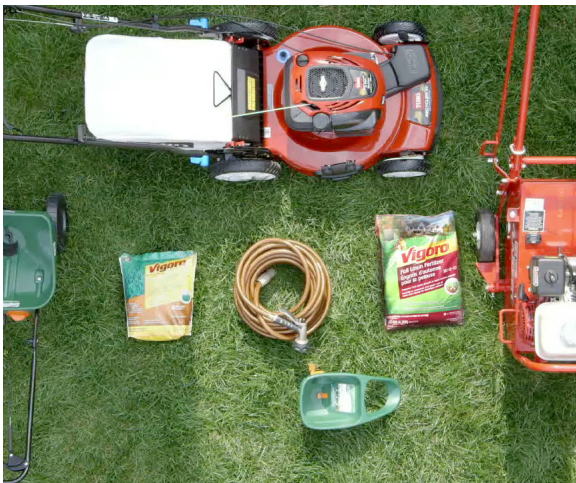


## PROJECT GUIDE

# HOW TO PREP YOUR LAWN FOR WINTER



Just because summer is over it doesn't mean it's the end of lawn care. In fact, fall is the single best time to seed and feed. Here are a few simple tips to prep for winter so you can look forward to a lush, spring lawn.



### TOOLS

- Aerator
- Fertilizer Spreader
- Gloves
- Safety Goggles
- Ruler
- Hose and Nozzle
- Lawn Mower

### MATERIALS

- Fertilizer
- Grass Seed



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## STEP 1

### KEEP CUTTING GRASS



**It's important to continue cutting your lawn** until it stops growing which should be in October or early November depending on your location.

## STEP 2

### KEEP WATERING



**Your lawn also needs watering** throughout the fall to build up its root system for the winter. If it's not getting enough rainfall, give it at least a half-inch of water per week to keep it from drying out.



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### STEP 3

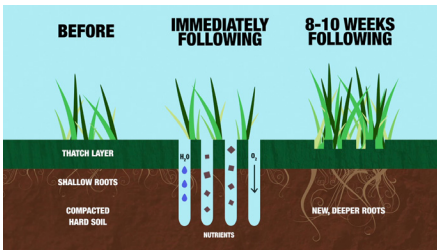
#### APPLY FERTILIZER



**September and October are ideal months** to apply fertilizer to keep your lawn well fed before winter arrives. Fall fertilizing helps maintain root growth and provides your lawn with vital nutrients it can store once the ground freezes. At the first signs of spring, your lawn can tap into this nutrition and increase your chances of having a lush spring lawn.

### STEP 4

#### AERATE AS NEEDED



**To determine whether your lawn needs aeration** use an aerator to cut a test plug and measure the thatch level (the partially decomposed material between the bottom of your grass and the soil surface).



If the level is greater than half an inch, aerate your lawn to loosen the soil compaction. Aeration will allow for more water, light and air to reach the soil and help promote strong spring growth. If your thatch level is extremely dense loosen it with a power dethatcher and promptly remove the debris with a rake.



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## STEP 5

### OVERSEED



As warm season weeds begin to die off, more space will open up on your lawn for new, healthy grass to sprout. So **early fall is a good time to seed a lawn**, especially if it might need some repair. The new grass will establish itself before winter and come back heartier in the spring.



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