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SPRING SEEDING AND PREPARATION GUIDE

Weed Pro's guide to proper establishment of a thick and luxurious lawn.

Step One: Proper Soil Preparation

When planting new grass, or simply overseeding, one must prepare the soil so that proper seed/soil contact is made, allowing for germination. Raking the soil breaks up the top layer and allows the seed to penetrate through deeper.

For existing lawns, a core-aeration is the preferred method. Core aeration creates thousands of 1-3" holes in your lawn, allowing oxygen, nutrients and the seed to come into contact with deeper soil.



Step Two: Seed Application Rates

Application rates depend heavily on the areas of lawn you are seeding and what grass mixture you are using. Use this guide below for general seeding rates. Refer to your seed's label for exact rates and spreader settings.

Grass Type	Seed Application Rate
Sunny Mixture (Bluegrass Mix)	3-5 lbs per 1000 sqft
Shade Mixture (Bluegrass/Fesc Mix)	5-7 lbs per 1000 sqft
Fescue Mixture	8-10 lbs per 1000 sqft

Step Three: Fertilization & Covering

It is best that you cover the seed once spread on the soil. Using Straw for large areas not only protects the seed, it also retains both moisture and warmth for the young seed. Peat Moss is an excellent seed covering for smaller areas. Not only does peat moss retain water and soil, but it also is organic material that breaks down and adds nutrients to the soil.

Step Four: Proper Watering

The final step in the process is the proper watering of your soil. Between rain and the use of your sprinklers, you should keep the top 1/4" of your soil moist at all times. 15 minutes per area 2 times a day (without rainfall) should be an adequate amount.

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