



1. Annual Soil Test

SEND SOIL SAMPLE TO SOIL TESTING FACILITY.

A soil test provides necessary information to establish a realistic turf management program.

2. Renaissance Fertilizers

APPLY AN ALL NATURAL ORGANIC FERTILIZER EVERY 7-10 WEEKS.

Buy products that contain water insoluble nitrogen. Organic fertilizers feed the soil and the soil feeds the plant.

3. Soil Chemistry & Structure

APPLY SOIL AMENDMENTS ACCORDING TO SOIL TEST RESULTS

Lime to maintain 6.5 - 7.0 pH. Improve organic matter by top dressing with compost and/or humates, add loam to create 6" soil depth.

4. Mow Right

THE MOST IMPORTANT CULTURAL PRACTICE!!!

Mow High - 3-1/2 inches - encourage deep roots and shade the soil. Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. Avoid mowing wet grass.

5. Sharp Mower Blades

PREVENT TEARING GRASS BLADE.

Sharpen mower blades after every 8 hours. Damaged grass blades lose moisture and are susceptible to disease.

6. Return Grass Clippings

ADD ORGANIC MATTER AND IS A NATURAL FERTILIZER.

BAG grass clippings when weed seeds and flowers are present (ie. crabgrass, dandelions) to mitigate further spread of seeds.

7. Water

DEEP, INFREQUENTLY AND IN THE MORNING. 3/4 - 1 inch of water a week(1-2X week). Over watering leads to soil compaction and disease. During extreme heat, water more frequently for shorter periods.

8. Core Aerate

RELIEVE SOIL COMPACTION

Aerate when grass is actively growing to allow grass roots to spread and improve air circulation in the root zone. Fall is the best time.

9. Over-seed

CREATE A DENSE STAND OF GRASS TO CROWD OUT WEEDS.

In SPRING seed slice thin lawns. Top dress and over seed trouble spots. Broadcast grass seed when aerating in the Fall.

10. Scout for Weeds & Pests

WEEDS INDICATE UNDERLYING SOIL CONDITIONS.

Work at creating the environment grass requires to grow. Manually pull weeds and re-seed bare areas, treat grubs with hB nematodes.



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