



## **Renovation Aftercare**

If your lawn has recently been overseeded, there is a good chance your lawn has also received other treatments such as scarification, aeration and/or top dressing too. As lawn treatments go, these can be some of the more expensive services, so one thing we want to ensure is we give the lawn the best chance of a successful recovery as we possibly can.

There is an element of complexity to caring for a newly seeded lawn, so we've laid out a few points below to help you out.

- Keep off the newly seeded area as much as possible during the first 4 weeks following the seeding process.
- The first thing the seeds will do is put down its roots beneath the surface, before sending out green shoots above the surface. During the initial germination stages, aim to apply an average of 3mm of water to the seeded area. This will be enough to keep the surface damp, but not soak the area which could risk washing the seed around. We recommend using a rain gauge to measure the amount of water you're applying to your lawn.
- After 2-4 weeks you should have an even coverage of new green shoots showing themselves. At this point, instead of watering daily, switch your attention to watering deeply but infrequently. We recommend watering your lawn twice per week, but heavily, between 10-15mm each time. This will encourage 'deeper rooting', which is key to the success of a healthy lawn.
- The first cut of the newly seeded area should take place when the grass is between 2-3 inches in height, which could be anywhere between 2-4 weeks depending on weather conditions. When carrying out the first handful of cuts take care when turning the mower as the grass will still be very fragile at this point.
- For the next few weeks mow the lawn twice per week. Newly germinated seed tends to grow faster than established turf, therefore requires more frequent mowing. Aim to alter your direction of cut each time. Ensure your mower has a sharp blade, mowing between 25-50mm in height. We recommend starting on a higher setting, then gradually reduce the height in future cuts.

The ongoing combination of watering and mowing will give your lawn the best chance to thrive from early on. The grass will gradually thicken (tiller) as weeks go by. Depending on weather conditions and providing the aftercare has been carried out correctly, full recovery should take between 8-12 weeks.

**Poor aftercare will lead to slow recovery of your seeded lawn. This is likely to leave thin/bare patches, seed not germinating and establishing as desired, leading to additional repair work needing to be carried out.**

Please contact our Office on 01603 552002 or [info@willsnorfolklawns.co.uk](mailto:info@willsnorfolklawns.co.uk) with any queries.



### **Waste / Debris Removal**

The price of removing / taking the waste away following our Scarification or Lawn Restoration services is NOT included. We have the following options of dealing with waste / debris after those services.

- It is preferable that the waste is left on site on a compost heap or disposed of into garden waste bins if available.
- For medium-large sized lawns without the option of a compost heap or garden waste bins, we do recommend getting a skip on site to dispose of the waste. Please contact us if you need advice on what size skip to order. As a rule, a 2-yard skip per 100m<sup>2</sup> of lawn should be sufficient.
- We can bag the waste up into our half-sized dumpy bags and temporarily leave them with you for you to dispose of in your own time. There is a charge of £5 per bag for temporary use of the bags or £10 per bag to purchase them.
- If you have your own half or full-sized dumpy bags, we would be happy to bag the waste into those for you to dispose of in your own time.
- We can return at a later date to take waste away following Scarification / Lawn Restoration services, providing it has been pre-arranged. As our vans will be full of equipment on the day of the work, we will not have space for waste bags, therefore there is the need to return. It is a price of £25 per half dumpy bag of waste for us to dispose of.

We appreciate waste removal and disposal can be tricky; therefore we will always do our very best to help where we can.