

Fall is a great time to add lime, fertilize, seed and control weeds in the lawn.

- Fall seeding should be done in September or October (the earlier the better).
- Fertilizing should be done at least twice during the fall/early winter.
- Broadleaf weed prevention (to control winter annuals) should be done in September if you are not seeding.
- Broadleaf weeds already growing in the lawn can be killed in October or November (depending on seeding schedule).
- Late fall is time to rake leaves off of grassy areas to prevent damage to the turf.



IF SEEDING THE LAWN IN THE FALL

- Mow and/or rake the lawn if needed & scratch-up bare spots.
- Core aerate and/or de-thatch the lawn if needed.
- Sow grass seed of your choice - **Merrifield Tuff Play**, **Merrifield Sunny** or **Merrifield Shady Grass Seed Blends**.
- Apply **Merrifield Select 14-18-14 Lawn Food** at the same time as seeding.
- Cover the seeded bare spots with Peat Moss, Topsoil, Organic Compost or Straw.
- Water the lawn as needed until seed germinates and fills in.
- If needed, control broadleaf weeds in the lawn with Speed Zone or Preen Broadleaf Weed Control (must be done 3 weeks before seeding or after new seed has germinated and been mowed twice).
- Apply **Merrifield Premium 26-0-12 Lawn Food** in November (or December).
- If needed, apply lime at the rate of 50 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

IF NOT SEEDING THE LAWN

- Apply Gallery in early September to prevent winter annual weeds (if not done in August).
- Apply **Merrifield Premium 26-0-12 Lawn Food** in September or October.
- Apply **Merrifield Premium 26-0-12 Lawn Food** in November (or December).
- Eliminate broadleaf weeds with Speed Zone or Preen Broadleaf Weed Control.
- If needed, apply lime at a rate of 50 lbs. per 1,000 square feet.

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