

# Benefits of Core Aeration for your Turf

**L**awn core aeration removes small, finger-sized plugs from your turf, allowing air, water, and fertilizer to penetrate down to the root system. This stimulates root growth, making your lawn thicker and healthier. The heavy clay soils in our area become hard and compacted over time due to normal activities such as mowing, playing in the yard; even rainstorms compact the soil.



The soil plugs that are pulled up will break down and dissolve in a short time, improving your lawn by enhancing soil microbe activity. When all things are working together—soil, air, water, nutrients, roots and grass plants—it makes for a Beautiful Lawn! Spring or Fall are both excellent times to aerate—when roots are most actively growing.

## If you have a **Sodded Lawn,**



aerating once or twice a year for the first 2-3 years is a must. Sod has a difficult time “knitting” to our heavy clay soils, causing all kinds of problems. By punching through the sod layer, you allow the roots to penetrate into the native soil below. Healthy turf roots will grow 6”-8” deep.

**Will Over-Seeding Help my Lawn?**

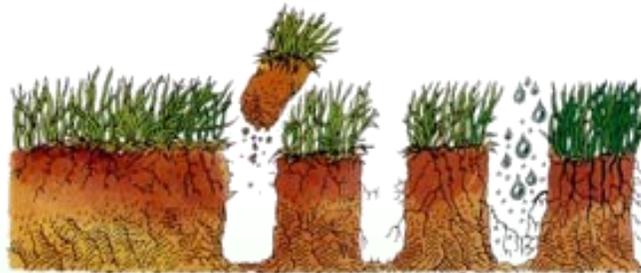
# Over-Seeding

We strongly recommend over-seeding when you aerate, especially in the fall. Fall weather is usually more favorable for germination and there is less concern with weed competition, especially crabgrass. Aeration opens up thousands of pockets in your lawn for grass seeds to drop into—ideal for germination; and as the aeration plugs break down, they help cover the seed. Over-

seeding incorporates new, improved grass varieties into old, worn out turf that may have limited potential, no matter what you do to it. Any lawn that is more than 10 years old will benefit from over-seeding. Don't over-seed in the spring if you have applied a crabgrass preventer, as this will prevent your grass seed from germinating, too.



***Call us and see how aerating and over-seeding can improve your lawn!***



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