



Aeration Services

About The Service:

Aerating your lawn will benefit the overall health of your turf by reducing soil compaction, improving fertilizer uptake, enhancing the breakdown of thatch, and building a stronger, more self-sufficient root system. Our aerator will poke holes 2-4 inches deep, depending on how hard the soil is. We recommend aerating your lawn once per year to open up the soil and allow water, oxygen, nutrients, and organic material to reach the root zone. When combined with overseeding, aeration helps promote a more disease resistant lawn with thicker and healthier turf.

Pre-application Care:

- Mark any private utility lines you may have in your yard
 - If not marked, there will be no way for our crews to know they are there, and we cannot be held responsible for damage done to unmarked utilities
 - Examples of common private utilities
 - » Invisible fence
 - » Irrigation lines and heads & drain tiles
 - » Electric lines running to pools, detached garage, shed, etc.
- We recommend not watering before we arrive on the day of service so the soil is not too saturated for our equipment
- You do not need to mow specifically for the aeration but length of grass should not be too overgrown
- Clear lawn of fallen leaves

Post-application Care:

- Aeration will leave plugs of soil at the surface
 - » They should be left so that it can break down and return the nutrients it contains back to your turf
- You will receive your invoice once the service is complete in an After Service Summary Email

Overseeding Aftercare:

- Keep seedbed moist (but not saturated) to a depth of 1-2 inches until germination occurs- as many as 3 light waterings a day
- Continue light watering 1-3 times per day once germination has occurred
- If the seeding was done into an existing lawn, continue mowing 3-7 days after service

General Mowing Guidelines:

- Set the height of mower blade between 3-4 inches
- Each time you mow, cut no more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grass height
- We recommend mulching your clippings instead of bagging; the clippings are an excellent source of nitrogen

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General Watering Guidelines:

As a rule of thumb, your lawn needs 1" - 1 ½" of water per week. The following rules will help you determine whether to water:

- When temperatures exceed 85 degrees, watering is highly recommended and should be increased to avoid dormancy and browning of turf
- In general, it is more beneficial to water less often and more deeply. This helps promote deep root growth, which, in turn, allows your grass to go longer between watering
- Shady areas need less water than sunny areas. Likewise, low areas require less water than hills
- Under watering leads to dormancy. It can take a week of watering to have a dormant lawn green up again
- Water in the morning, rather than in the evening or mid-day. This allows more water to penetrate the soil, increasing your watering efficiency, and can help prevent fungal disease
- Over watering leads to shallow roots, increased thatch, and an environment that promotes fungal disease and weed growth

