

WINTER-READY LAWN

A CONCISE GUIDE TO HELP YOUR GRASS THROUGH THE COLD MONTHS

Winter is coming

THIS IS THE SEASON TO TEST THE SOIL, CORRECT THE PH AND COMBAT MOSS.

The autumn leaves are starting to fall from the trees, the days are getting shorter and the gloves are coming out of the closet again. Ah, winter is coming! Have you stocked up on chocolate milk and chopped the wood for the fireplace? Then you're all set for winter... Or are you?

As soon as the soil temperature drops below 10°C in autumn, your grass plants go into hibernation. This means that the grass stops growing for the winter. However, the lawn care tasks are not quite over yet...

In this article you will find out exactly what you need to do in late autumn to get your lawn ready for winter. This way, the lawn will come back from hibernation much quicker and stronger next spring!



The topics we cover are:

- **FERTILISE IN AUTUMN**
- **TEST THE SOIL**
- **OPTIMISE PH**
- **FIGHT MOSS**

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Fertilising in autumn

Is autumn fertilisation really necessary? Our answer is an irrefutable YES! Autumn is the very best time for your lawn to develop a stronger root system and store nutrients. This allows the grass to grow as soon as the temperature rises above 5 degrees, even in December. You will not notice it during the winter, but in spring your lawn will have all the necessary nutrients ready. This gives you an enormous head start. Your lawn will soon acquire colour and you can mow it for the first time as early as February!

"These tips will help your lawn survive the winter and grow back faster and stronger in the spring."

Grass seed must have a soil temperature of at least 10 degrees for 4 weeks in order to germinate and establish itself for the winter. Young grass is more sensitive to frost. Ideally, you should fertilise twice in autumn; once at the beginning of September and a late "winter" fertilisation at the end of October.

Keep the grass clean

The greatest enemy in autumn is the leaves that fall from the trees. When there are too many leaves on the lawn, the grass does not get enough light and will die. In addition, too many leaves on the lawn have a suffocating effect, making it difficult for moisture to evaporate. This is the ideal environment for diseases and fungi to develop. Weekly leaf clearing is very important for the health of the grass and reduces the risk of moss and disease.

Handle the grass with care

Finally, it is also important to take some care of the lawn in the prior to winter. Playing football, for example, will cause damage that cannot be repaired in time for winter. You should also be careful during the winter. Certainly do not walk on the grass when it has frozen. Snow has an isolating effect and walking will break the crown and the plant will not recover. So leave snow on the grass. All in all, you should try to protect the lawn, because it cannot recover and the damage incurred will result in a patchy lawn after the winter.

Test your soil

Normally, most rain falls in the winter. Too much rainwater in the soil can wash away the natural levels of potassium, magnesium and calcium. These elements are important in maintaining the natural pH of the soil. When they are washed away, the acidity of your soil increases. To raise the acidity level in the soil year-round, add intensive use of nitrogen fertilisers.



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Acidic soils favour the growth of weeds - the presence of dandelions, docks, buttercups and nettles are signs that the acidity is too high. And although some plants thrive in acidic soil, the lawn does not. The ideal conditions for a lawn soil is a pH between 5.5 and 6.5, although closer to 5.5 is better. So test your soil with a soil test to determine its acidity.

Optimising pH

MOOWY'S Lawn Lime is made from English limestone and is super effective at lowering the acidity of your soil, bringing it back to the range that promotes healthy roots (and fewer weeds). Your grass absorbs more nutrients when the acidity is right, increasing the effectiveness of other lawn care products you can use all year round. Lawn lime not only restores the pH of the soil but also inhibits the growth of moss, so a winter application of lime is a great idea as this is the time of year with the most moss growth.

Combatting moss

Although it is not recommended to scarify a lawn during the cold winter months, you will want to control moss growth during this cold, wet season. MOOWY'S Iron + 2-in-1 Fertiliser and Moss Killer increases resistances to moss and gives your lawn a deep green colour. The high iron sulphate content increases resistance to moss, weeds, pests and diseases and is safe for winter use.

Let it snow!

Congratulations, the work your garden is really over for this year. The lawn has everything it needs to get through the winter and thrive next spring. Now it's time for that mug of hot chocolate and the fireplace. You have earned it!

Let us know your tips and tricks to get your lawn ready for winter! Please send them to hello@moowy.co.uk



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