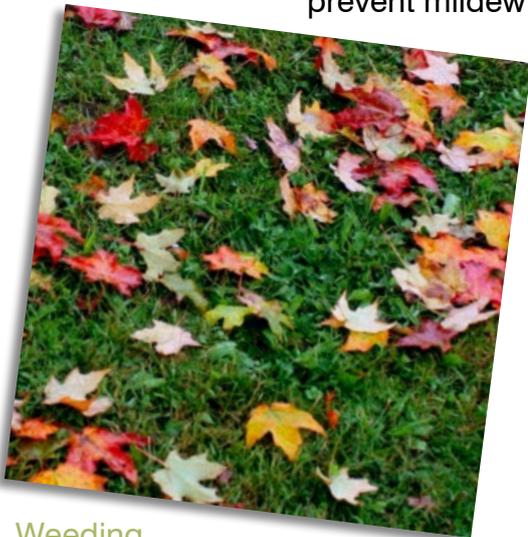


Fall Lawn Care

In Minnesota we tend to think about lawn care in the spring and summer, but fall is actually a very important time to care for your lawn.

Mowing

In the fall, keep your mower at 2" - 2.5". Longer grass will tend to mat during the winter, causing disease problems, and shorter grass will have a harder time making and storing food. Mow or rake leaves regularly to prevent mildew from growing on the grass.



Watering

Continue to water your lawn during dry periods through the fall. Be careful to not overwater during cool days.

Fertilizing

Mid - Late October is a great time to fertilize your lawn. For the average lawn, apply a nitrogen based fertilizer at a rate of 1 lb. Per every 1,000 sq. Ft.

Weeding

Control weeds in your lawn by applying a broadleaf herbicide from Mid-September to Early-October following package instructions. Only use products to control crabgrass in the spring when these weeds are emerging.

Seeding

If you have bare patches in your lawn, apply grass seed from Mid-August until Mid-September. New grass seed won't have to compete with weeds as much at this time of year. Fall is also the time to dethatch and aerate your lawn.

With a little care in the fall, you can have a great looking, healthy lawn next spring.

For more information:

- Hugaas, Bob. "September Users in Prime Time for Home Lawn Activities"
www.lib.umn.edu/efans/ygnews/2011/09/post-17.html
- MN Department of Agriculture. "Fall Lawn Care Tips"
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