

# Seeding the Lawn

## Overseeding

### **1** PREPARE THE AREA

Mow shorter than normal and rake clean. If thatch build-up is 2 inches or more, dethatch and cleanup.

### **2** CORE AERATION

Use a core aerator and make 2 passes at 90 degree angles.

### **3** TOPDRESS

The area to be seeded should be top dressed with humus or quality topsoil to a depth of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch.

### **4** FERTILIZE & LIME

Use a starter fertilizer and blend it with the topsoil according to the rates on the bag. Apply lime if needed. Ideal pH is 6.8-7.0.

### **5** SEED

Let our staff help you select the seed that best suits your needs. Apply the seed at the recommended rate and incorporate into the top  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch of soil. Do not bury the seed.

### **6** MULCH

Mulch newly seeded area with salt hay, straw or Penn Mulch.

### **7** WATER

Water lightly on a daily basis, if there is not rain, until the seed begins to germinate. After germination, water more deeply and less frequently.

### **8** WEED KILLER

Do not apply weed killer until the new grass has been mowed three times.



## Barespot Seeding

### **1** PREPARE THE SOIL

Breakup the soil surface with a rake or spade using a crisscross pattern.

### **2** TOPDRESS

Topdress with humus or quality topsoil.

### **3** Follow steps 4/7 above for overseeding.