

Autumn Newsletter 2015

SUMMER?

Hello there! This summer (if you can call it that!) hasn't been great to us or your lawns. We're still as pale as ever and your lawns might have been left with a few patches from the varying summer conditions that we've been experiencing over the past 3 months. We like to keep you and your lawn as happy as possible so if it's got patches or you have any other concerns then give us a call and we can come and visit you sooner if your autumn treatments isn't due for a while.

Your autumn treatment (ST3) will be applied in the next 12 weeks dependant upon when your summer treatment (ST2) was applied. Don't worry—we're constantly adapting our treatment mix so no matter when we apply your lawn will only receive the highest quality and most effective mix possible. Your autumn treatment will include the usual slow release granular fertiliser which will penetrate the soil and reach right in to the grass roots for weeks after our visit and this feeds the lawn. It also includes iron to control moss along with herbicide for any stubborn weeds that remain.

WE LOVE AUTUMN

Ok... so some of you might prefer the warmer nights but autumn is when we can really make a difference to the health of your lawn. For our long suffering customers—you will have heard this many of times but we cannot recommend lawn renovations enough! The customers who have them are always so pleased with the outcome and their lawn is just so much healthier and it shows.

Scarification is the process of raking dead moss and thatch out of the lawn to allow for a higher rate of absorption of moisture and nutrients in to the soil and to the roots of the grass. Increasing the strength of your grass. It also lowers the chances of disease and pests taking advantage of the conditions thatch and moss create which makes it a very unwelcoming place for most diseases and pests to set up home.

Aeration (we recommend hollow tine for autumn but there is solid tine available too) will further increase the absorption of moisture and nutrients in to the soil by creating holes in the soil surface which the moisture and nutrients can travel straight down to reach the roots even quicker. Hollow tine remove plugs of thatch too so this is highly effective when coupled with scarification.

Top dressing will improve the quality of your soil surface giving your lawn a healthier place to grow and thrive.

Top dressing is almost always coupled with **Over seeding** and this will instantly increase the thickness of your lawn giving it a lush look and feel while increasing the rate of recovery.

We recommend that you have all four renovations carried out once a year if possible and after around 8-12 weeks your lawn will look as good as new and its more affordable than you think. (Especially with our

SPECIAL OFFER over on the next page—check it out!)

AUTUMN LEAVES WILL BLOW...

... and then lay on your lawn and steadily kill that patch of grass underneath. It's so important to keep on top of leaf removal—especially before it rains because then your lawn will turn in to a lovely puddle of leaf and grass mulch. We cannot apply any treatment to your lawn if there are excess leaves present so if you could keep on top of it that would help us out too. Thank you very much. We only want the best for your lawn!

BIG NEWS

Book all 4 renovation services (scarification, aeration (solid or hollow tine), top dressing and over seeding) and you will receive £20 off your bill when the work is complete. Please call the office to book your services and quote "autumn offer". Please note, you will receive £20 off the bill and no one service will be discounted. Must be used when all 4 services are booked and completed at one time only this autumn (2015.) Book before 30/06/2015 to claim your £20 off!

FREephone: 0800 138 3143.

PESTS AND DISEASES

As always, in autumn you may see the same pests and diseases popping up and affecting your lawn... below are the most common to look out for—please call us if you see any signs at all!

DISEASES:

Red Thread/Pink Patch—It can be caused by; lawn compaction, drought and persistent wet and warm conditions. You can identify it by the brown patches of dead grass with pinky/red needles inside.

We treat this problem with 2 fungicide treatments and recommend for prevention you have aeration conducted at least once a year.

Dollar Spot - Signs - Bleaches straw like patches. Cause - Lack of soil moisture and nitrogen. Prevention - Seasonal treatments and scarification. Treatment - Fungicide and nitrogen feed.

Dry Patch - Signs - Brown patches. Cause - Soil has become water repellent. Prevention - Scarification and seasonal feeds. Treatment - Wetting agent.

Fusarium - Signs - Small patches of yellowing/browning grass. Cause - General conditions e.g. mild warm weather with excess moisture. Treatment - Fungicide.

Rust - Signs - Yellowing of grass leaves with orange powdery speckling. Cause - Rust is a fungal lawn disease caused by the fungus Puccinia spp. Treatment—Nitrogen Feed.

PESTS:

Ants - Signs - Ant hills. Treatment - Specialised application of powder to clear ants, remove hills and then level the lawn.

Chafer Grubs - Signs - Dry patches and damaged patches of lawn from wildlife trying to feed on the grubs. Cause - (Dry patches) Chafer grub (adult beetle's larvae) eat the grass root. Treatment - Pesticide treatment.

Leather Jackets - Signs - Large amounts of Daddy Long Legs in July-Sept. Dry lawn – brown or dying grass. Cause - Daddy long legs larvae which eat the grass root. Treatment - Pesticide treatment.

Scarification, aeration and over seeding.

Worms - Signs - Worm casts (piles of soil.) Worms are encouraged as they naturally aerate the soil by burrowing. However, worm casts are unsightly and this is why we offer a specialised treatment to encourage deeper burrowing to

ROLL UP ROLL UP READ ALL ABOUT IT!

- * Again we're overwhelmed with the kindness of all of our customers leaving us reviews and testimonials—you've said such kind words and we can't thank you enough—we aim to please and we're so happy with your feedback! If you have any comments or would like to give us a testimonial please feel free to send it to us via email info@pennine-lawn-care.co.uk or write to us at 50 Carnforth Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley. S71 2RB. Thank you!
- * If you haven't checked out our new website then please do—we regularly update the blog with tips and tricks, exciting offers and news articles that we think you'll find interesting—www.penninelawn-care.co.uk. Let us know what you think.
- * We would LOVE to see any images you have of your lawns—please send them to 07583760937 or to our email address and you may see your lawn on our next newsletter or even featuring on our website!

TOO EARLY?

I understand it's not even Halloween yet but we always find that some of our customers opt out of the winter treatment and this is absolutely fine, we understand your logic but we'd just like to reinforce the importance of a winter treatment and what it does for your lawn. Throughout winter your lawn will face some harsh conditions and without our mix of turf hardeners, winter products and essential nutrients you do leave it open to all of these conditions and ultimately serious damage. With the winter feed you give it a fighting chance to survive the cold and wet conditions and prepare it for a good spring when it can grow again. The difference between lawns which have the treatment and don't is always noticeable and preparing your lawn always decreases the chances of extra spending on patching up any damage which might occur.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CUSTOM AND FOR READING OUR NEWSLETTER—HAVE A GREAT

AUTUMN!

