

How do Lawn Treatments work and what should you expect?




Scarification

Process

We use mechanical scarifiers that are designed to remove large amounts of thatch (dead organic material) from the lawn.

Vertical tines or blades cut into the soil and lift organic material, such as dead grass, moss and leaf mulch onto the surface. The process usually produces a lot of thatch so as a licensed waste carrier, and as part of the service, we remove any excess and take it to the nearest green waste site.

Benefits

-  Improves grass root health, nutrient absorption, lawn irrigation and seed germination
-  Moss is removed and so are the damp dead layers that mosses like to grow on
-  Lawn weeds are shredded, which makes killing them back much easier and also gives the lawn a weed free appearance right away

Outcome

Scarification is an aggressive treatment, particularly for lawns that are very mossy or weedy. It's not unusual for some lawns to go quite brown and patchy for 2-4 weeks if they haven't been scarified for a number of years.

If your lawn is scarified regularly (once a year or more) then any new broadleaf weeds will be shredded and the vertical blades make the healthy grass stand up straight, leaving a uniform weed-free appearance. Some bare patches might appear around uneven ground or weeds but they will quickly fill in and any dust or mud will wash off as soon as the lawn gets a soaking.



Hollow-Tine Aeration

Process

We use a mechanical hollow-tine aerator that extracts hundreds of soil cores and drops them onto the lawn surface.

The cores are broken down and raked over loosely to create a new soil surface that forces the existing grass to form deeper, stronger roots and provides a good base for new grass seed.

Benefits

-  De-compacts soil to improve irrigation, nutrient absorption, root depth and root strength
-  Creates a good surface for new grass seed and pairs well with our top-dressing and overseeding treatments

Outcome

Aeration is one of the best treatments for any lawn and having it done once every year or two will improve every aspect of your lawns health.

If you have an aeration only treatment then the cores will be left to break up naturally where they drop, meaning that the lawn will have bobbles and holes in it for a while. The benefits of the treatment will be just as good but the finish is a bit rough at first.

Pairing with scarification will give you a largely bobble and hole free finish right away but will leave the lawn looking slightly dusty or muddy at first. Any muck will wash off as soon as the lawn gets a good soaking and you'll be left with a tidy finish.