

BEFORE AERATION AND OVERSEEDING PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to our arrival, we request you follow these instructions in order to prepare your lawn for the best aeration and seeding possible:

Mow the grass lower than usual, 1.5 to 2 inches shorter, this is the only time we ask for mowing this short. Bag, blow or rake off clippings if necessary. Mowing short allows the grass to establish for several weeks before mowing is necessary and also allows for greater seed soil contact. To minimize shocking the grass with a short “haircut”, plan three weeks prior to aeration and overseeding to mow one notch shorter each week. For example, week one change mower setting from G to F, week two change from mower setting F to E, and week three change from E to D.

Soil moisture. The ground should be slightly moist but not soaking wet. Our machines perform better in slightly moist conditions. If you have a wet area, turn off irrigation system two to three days before scheduled aeration.

Flag all sprinkler heads, valve box covers, shallow electrical lines, Verizon/Comcast communication lines, water pipes or water drainage pipes, and/or any other sub-surface objects. You are responsible for contacting Miss Utility (Dial 811) if you think your service lines are in danger of being hit. Wire Flags available from hardware stores are the best tool for marking and should be placed directly on top of the object. Spray paint should NOT be utilized, as it is usually only visible after the aerator has passed over the painted object. Lawns by Dr Vaughan utilizes a vibrating aerator that very effectively loosens soil to a 4 inch depth. It can very easily damage unflagged obstacles that may never have been a problem in the past with other less powerful aerators. It is so important, we will not aerate a lawn that has not been flagged.

Invisible Dog Fences are very shallow and easily damaged by an aerator. Please contact an electrician or the invisible dog fence service to mark your underground wires. Wires should be marked every 2 to 3 feet and should clearly represent the location of the wire. Lawns by Dr Vaughan is not responsible for damage to Invisible Dog Fences which are not marked properly.

Remove all lawn furniture, toys, hoses and other movable objects from the lawn. At seeding time, Lawns by Dr Vaughan will leave detailed instructions on how to care for the lawn after Aeration and Overseeding. In a short time you will have a beautiful lawn.

The success of your reseeding is your commitment to water!