

TIPS FOR IMPROVING THE LONG TERM HEALTH OF YOUR LAWN.

Proper care of an established lawn does more than affect the immediate appearance of the turf; it also affects the turf's long-term health and ability to resist pest attacks. Follow this tip to help meet these goals.

Raking and Topdressing

Raking

A light raking in the spring is beneficial to your lawn. It will help in areas that may have become compressed from snow.

It is also important to rake if your lawn clippings are long and may smother the lawn. It is important to rake out any dead patches before over-seeding.

Topdressing

Topdressing is a thin layer of compost and soil spread over the lawn, ½" to 1" (12 – 25 mm) thick. It is used to level out your lawn, increases the number of micro-organisms in the soil and may improve water retention in the soil.

An increase in micro-organism activity may reduce the thatch layer in your lawn.

Topdressing is done either by hand or by machine. It works best after aerating or dethatching but can be done at any time as long as the lawn is actively growing.

Be sure to break up any large clumps of compost.

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