Meehan's Brookside LAWN SERVICE

Dog-Gone Lawn Damage



Beautiful dogs can create ugly problems to your lawn. Due to the concentration of nitrogen in pet urine and feces, it will cause damage to turf. There are many myths about how to prevent this damage to your lawn. From our observations and university studies, there is no diet change or product that will prevent this damage.

So What Do I Do?

To prevent doggie damage, there are only a couple of options that actually work.

OPTION 1: DILUTE THE URINE



The first one is terribly impractical. Watch for your pet to urinate and use a hose to dilute the urine by watering the spot that was used. This practice is effective, but not very practical.

OPTION 2: DESIGNATED AREA



The second option at first seems ridiculous, but is not that difficult and is very effective. Select an area for your pet to use and train them to go there. An area of river rock or other landscape gravel works well. If starting out with a puppy, this can be especially effective with little extra effort.



Repairing Damaged Areas

Use a shovel to dig out the damaged sod, take at least 2" of dirt with the sod. Fill the areas you dug out with fresh soil and reseed. Be sure to use a quality seed mixture. Most lawns in Northeast Ohio are a Kentucky Blue grass and Perennial Ryegrass mix. Do not use seed that has annual seed or weed seed in it. Meehan's Lawn Service can provide you with quality seed in easy to handle ten-pound bags. Call our office and we will drop the seed off at your house. Cover areas with straw to help keep the area moist after seeding.





Seeding and Care

Keep the area moist by watering daily. If kept moist, seed will come up quickly and evenly. After three weeks you should water less frequently, but more deeply. It is common for some weeks to come up with the new grass. Do not use weed controls to remove weeds until the grass has been mowed at least four times. While we are treating lawns, we will not treat newly planted areas with weed controls. Be patient and remove weeds after the turf has matured.





A little extra care and the right approach can help keep your lawn beautiful and your pet happy!

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