

Seeding Instructions



1. Preparing to Seed

The first step is to remove any undesirable turf from the yard. The most effective way to remove undesirable grass is to treat it with a product containing Glyphosate such as Round Up. For best results, treat the undesirable grass while it is green and actively growing so it completely kills it. Be cautious to keep Round Up off desirable turf, as it will kill it. After waiting seven to ten days for the undesirable grass to absorb the treatment it is time to prepare a seed bed.



2. Preparing A Seed Bed

The idea is to loosen the soil so it will hold moisture and allow the roots to go into the soil. This can be done with a hoe and rake in small areas or consider using a tiller for larger areas. The soil should be raked smooth when finished. It is a good idea to seed and rake the seed into the soil and then seed over the top of the smooth soil. Use straw or Penn Mulch to help keep area moist after seeding.



3. Selecting Seed Mixtures

Be sure to use a quality seed mixture from a reputable supplier. Most lawns in Northeast Ohio are a Kentucky Bluegrass and Perennial Ryegrass mix. We recommend a mixture of at least 50% Kentucky Bluegrass and the remainder to be Perennial Ryegrass for full sun and partial shade. Every container of seed is required to have a label on it that tells what type of seed it is and what the percentage of each type are. Do not buy seed that has annual seed or weed seed in it. Often times the undesirable grass came from the wrong seed being used to repair areas of the lawn. Brookside Lawn Services can provide you with quality seed in easy to handle ten or 50 pound bags. Call our office and we will drop the seed off at your house.



4. 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 weeds 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.



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