Meehan's Brookside LAWN SERVICE

THATCH

A HEALTHY LAWN STARTS FROM THE GROUND UP

Thatch is a natural part of lawns. It is a layer of dead and living grass stems, roots and other organic matter that builds up between the grass plants and the soil. A small amount of thatch is beneficial, but too much can prevent water, air and nutrients from reaching the roots.



1 A LITTLE THATCH IS GOOD

A thatch layer of up to 1/2 inch is healthy and beneficial for your lawn. It insulates the soil, protects the grass plants during cold weather, and helps conserve moisture.



2 TOO MUCH THATCH CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS

A thatch layer over 1/2 inch can prevent water, air and nutrients from reaching the roots. It can also be a breeding ground for insects and disease, and can make your lawn more vulnerable to drought and heat stress.





3 SOME GRASS TYPES ARE MORE PRONE TO THATCH

In our area, Fine Fescue is the most prone to thatch build-up. Kentucky Bluegrass can also be problematic, especially without proper lawn care practices.





4 THERE IS A SOLUTION

Core aeration removes small plugs of soil, allowing air, water and fertilizer to reach the roots. This helps break down the thatch layer and promotes a healthier, stronger lawn. In some cases, aeration is recommended in the spring and fall.



5 WE DO NOT RECOMMEND DETHATCHING

Dethatching can remove too much of the thatch, damage the grass plants, and cause more stress than good. Proper aeration and lawn care practices are a safer and more effective way to manage thatch.



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