

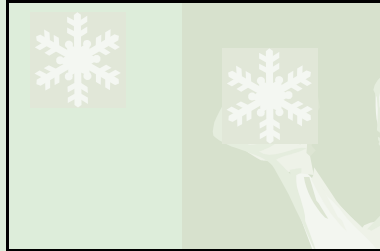


ORGANIC LAWN CARE CALENDAR

January



February



March

- Rake lawn with stiff rake
- Apply corn gluten meal after snow melts

April

- Resist the urge to fertilize
- Plant perennials

May

- Overseed
- Grasscycle
- Remove weeds by hand

June

- Topdress with compost
- Aerate lawns coming off chemicals

July

- Sharpen mower blades
- Lawn may go dormant & turn brown

August

- Overseed
- Aerate, if soil is compacted

September

- Overseed
- Apply corn gluten meal
- Have soil tested

October

- Fertilize using organic products
- Rake leaves onto flower beds

November

- Relax

December

- Order seed catalogues

Mowing

- Mow to a height of at least 3 inches
- Keep mower blades sharp
- Only remove 1/3 of blade
- For a 3 inch lawn, mow when lawn is 4 1/2 inches

Corn Gluten Meal

- Corn gluten meal is a natural corn by-product
- A source of nitrogen, it kills weed seeds before they sprout
- Controls dandelions and crabgrass
- Can be applied in early spring, early summer and early fall

Overseeding

- Overseeding means adding grass seed to thicken the lawn and fill in bare patches
- A thick lawn will outcompete weeds
- Use perennial rye-grass or fine fescues
- Avoid Kentucky blue grass
- Overseed in late spring or late summer
- Corn gluten meal and grass seed applications must be 6 weeks apart

Fertilizing

- Use organic products not synthetic
- Apply fertilizer in the fall, never in spring
- Spring fertilizing weakens the lawn and can lead to pest problems

Watering

- Lawns only need 1 inch of water per week
- Never water in the spring - this weakens the roots of your lawn
- Water in the morning



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