

## Garden lawn / drainage tips and advice



To keep your lawn in good condition all year round and to reduce water retention during heavy rainfall. The following hints may assist you:



### **December – January – February - March**

- Keep your lawn brushed or raked free from leaves and debris.
- Keep off the turf during wet and frosty weather as this may create compacted ground and result in water retention on the surface.

### **January – February**

- If the weather conditions allow, aerate the surface using tines (fork) or an appropriate aerator.

### **March**

- Continue with aeration and carry out some light scarifying.
- When mowing never dramatically reduce the height of cut.
- A light application of turf top dressing can be applied after mowing.
- You can apply the first spring and summer fertiliser or sharp sand.

### **April**

- The fertiliser programme should continue with another dressing around mid-month
- Continue to gradually reduce the mowing height and mow every week
- Rake out areas of thin or worn turf or any damaged areas
- Apply a suitable grass seed mix with top dressing

### **May**

- It may be beneficial at this stage to over sow with fine grass mixture
- Apply fertiliser if required

### **June**

- If you are fortunate enough to enjoy long dry spells, water the lawn copiously last thing at night or first thing in the morning
- Lawn fertiliser can be applied again





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### **July**

- Continue to mow weekly
- If the ground dries out and is firm, aerate the surface using solid tines (fork)
- Continue to water at dusk or early morning if there are any long dry spells

### **August**

- This is a good time to apply a treatment for weeds
- Apply a high nitrogen fertiliser
- This is also an excellent time for sowing grass seed

### **September**

- The frequency of mowing will now decrease
- Now is the perfect time to aerate the lawn
- Over sow grass seed to increase the volume of grass in any worn areas
- An application of autumn fertiliser can be made towards the end of the month

### **October**

- As growth begins to slow, decrease your mowing programme
- Disease may be prevalent at this time of year and suitable treatment should be affected

### **November**

- This is your last change to apply fertiliser
- Aerate the ground
- Avoid walking on the ground during wet and frosty conditions



