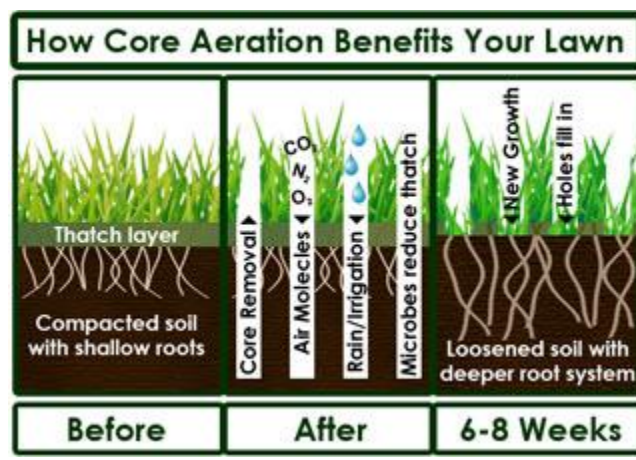




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FALL AERATION AND OVERSEEDING



The annual fall aeration and over-seeding operation began on August 20th and will continue through November 2nd. Per our agreement, McFall and Berry will be responsible for addressing **up to 50% of all bare and thin turf areas at each residence.**

- In an effort to assist in the germination process, please remember to water newly seeded areas daily.
- Once the seed has established, also check to see that new growth is receiving the proper amount of sunlight. **Generally, a minimum of 6 hours of sunlight is needed to maintain turf quality.**
- To achieve maximum results, additional soil amendments and/or improving sun exposure to newly seeded areas may be necessary in order to sustain the new grass.

If you have an area of concern with your turf, please contact our Customer Service representative, Lisa Gabriel, to schedule an evaluation with our onsite manager.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: It seems that new turf does not thrive long into the summer and goes brown in the winter. Why is this?

A: There are a few primary reasons that impact turf growth in the summer and winter months. Grass, like other plants, goes into dormancy when a certain temperature is reached and/or there is a lack of water. This means the turf will stop or slow in its growth and appear brown. This does not necessarily mean the grass is dead. Dormancy is normal. Residences with irrigation systems may not experience a prolonged dormancy due to the routine watering in the summer time. If you do not have an irrigation system, you may want to consider sprinklers or other watering techniques. In the winter, grass goes into complete dormancy, but please be patient, it will come back in the spring.

Q: I have many trees in my yard and my backyard is close to a wood line. There are bare spots in my turf. How does shade affect my lawn and what can be done to promote growth in these areas?

A: If you have shaded areas in your landscape and have had issues establishing turf, you may consider evaluating the trees around your property. Mature trees can cause turf concerns which may arise from excessive shade and compacted soil. Pruning, thinning and elevating these trees can allow for additional sunlight in these

areas. In addition to pruning, there are other alternatives that can be used in shaded areas. Installing groundcover, perennials, ornamental shrub beds or stone work could revive a dull area of your landscape. McFall and Berry's staff is happy to assist you in this process. Our trained arborists and landscape designers will assess your property and come up with an approach that is right for you.

Q: What should residents do after their turf has been aerated and seeded?

A: Water. Being mindful of how much water your new seeds require will aid in its overall success of your lawn! The objective for the first 3 weeks is to keep the newly seeded area moist. Water with frequent, light watering for the first 10-21 days until the seed germinates.

Once the seeds have germinated and grown to about 2 inches, you can reduce watering intervals to twice a week. Make sure to apply about ½ inch of water at each watering until fully established.

If you need further assistance with proper watering methods or frequency and irrigation run times, please contact our customer service representative, Lisa Gabriel, for additional advice.