



Jeffery's Guide to Lawn Care

It is time to dust off the lawnmower again and to mark the occasion Jeffery's have opened a new lawn care department in-store at Bovey Tracey. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff are ready to help and the latest products are on the shelves to enable you, after a little hard work, to create a lawn to be proud of. Here are a few tips which may help you along the way.

- 1) If moss has accumulated through the winter months apply moss killer two or three weeks prior to any maintenance. Discourage further moss growth using lawn sand with moss killer treatment.
- 2) Using a lawn rake, gently remove moss, fallen leaves and debris; remove weeds by hand and spot treat affected areas with a lawn weed killer.
- 3) Testing and correcting the soil pH value (available in-store at Jeffery's) will ensure a good quality lawn.
- 4) Mowing can begin as the soil warms and the lawn begins to grow. Start with a high cut and work down (about one quarter of the length of the plant each cut) to avoid the lawn becoming stressed and for late frost damage (*spring mowing should be little and often*).
- 5) Repair and tidy edges using long handled edging shears. To re-cut use a half-moon edging tool. Try using a plank of wood to create straight edges or for a round/curved finish set out the area using a hose pipe and follow the line.
- 6) To repair hollows or sunken patches cut out an 'H' shape using a half-moon edging tool then lift the flaps by hand and add topsoil. Level and firm the edges and fill any gaps.
- 7) If the lawn has been water logged, pricking or slitting the surface using a garden fork and dressing the lawn with a mixture of quality sterilised topsoil and sharp sand will help with drainage.
- 8) Feeding the lawn with fertiliser will help the root system develop to withstand flooding and drought.
- 9) For tired and worn lawns sprinkle lawn seed and dress with a topsoil and sand mixture to promote healthy new growth.
- 10) If you suspect lawn burn grab a handful of the area and pull – if the area is firmly rooted it points to a dog burn but if the bunch of grass comes away it could be a grub problem which is treatable with a lawn grub killer.
- 11) For lawn burn from a dog, saturate the area with water. A supplement (dog rocks) is available to reduce nitrogen build up in your pet.

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