



April Lawn Care Tips

Find out what lawn care jobs to do in April to ensure that your lawn looks good and performs well all year round.

Spring has well and truly sprung and everything in the garden is growing. Here are our April Lawn Care Tips to help your lawn look its best all year round.

April Lawn Care Tips at a Glance

- Scarify to remove dead matter
- Aerate for strong growth and waterwise gardening
- Spot treat any weeds
- Control moss
- Feed your lawn
- Mowing in April
- Overseed any bare areas
- Lay new turf

How to scarify your lawn?

If you've not already done so, April is the ideal time to tackle scarification. Scarifying pulls moss and dead matter out of the base of your lawn. It lets the air flow around the plant and helps with drainage. Just like a good spring clean.

How to aerate your lawn?

I like to aerate in spring and autumn. My lawn is used all year round shared by dogs, grandchildren, grown up kids, a chicken and a muntjack deer. It doesn't take long for the soil to get compacted. Compacted soil is hard for roots to grow into and it doesn't soak up rainwater particularly well. Aeration improves the soil and make sure that when I apply lawn feed it won't just run off the surface.

How to spot treat lawn weeds?

I'm not a big fan of using chemicals in the garden. I certainly don't see any point in applying them willy-nilly whether they are needed or not. So for me, one of those "weed and feed" products is a no-no. I prefer to dig weeds out whenever possible. If there are too many unwanted plants to uproot, use a glyphosate stick or something similar to treat them individually.

Good lawn care will make it harder for weeds to establish so make sure you keep up to date with your mowing and feeding regimes.

Moss control in April

If you scarify your lawn regularly, moss in your lawn shouldn't be a problem. However I've included in our April lawn care tips because it can be a devil to control.

If moss is a major problem in your lawn, now is a good time to apply Ferrous (Iron) Sulphate to your lawn. Scarify first to get rid of most of the moss, and then sprinkle on the Iron Sulphate. Within a few days any remaining moss will have died.

A bonus feature of Iron Sulphate is that it helps create a lovely deep green colour in your lawn.

Iron Sulphate is available in garden centres but isn't always on display – you may need to ask.

Feed your lawn in April

I can't stress enough the importance of feeding your lawn in April. Plants are growing fast at this time of year and they need nourishment. Without essential nutrients, lawn grasses become thin, pale and vulnerable to common lawn diseases.

April lawn mowing regimes

Expect to be mowing your lawn once a week at the beginning of April and increasing the frequency to once every 3-4 days by the end of the month. It is better to mow little and often than to let your lawn get lanky and then scalp it.

With the right mower you should be able get that classic striped lawn effect.

Overseeding bare areas of your lawn

It's not unusual to have some baldy bits in your lawn at the end of winter. First tackle the cause of the problem (commonly shade or soil compaction). Next loosen the surface of the soil with a rake and sow some good quality lawn seed. I would recommend a sowing rate of 3 grams per square metre. Cover with a very fine layer of compost.

Try to protect the seed from hungry birds and keep the area moist until the new shoots are growing strongly.

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