

FALL LAWN MAINTENANCE



A step-by-step guide to preparing your lawn for the upcoming winter season



Why Seed and Feed in the Fall?

The autumn season comes with a mix of warm soil and cool air, perfect for planting grass seed and allowing time for new grass roots to develop before winter sets in. It's also a good time to fertilize to build stronger, deeper roots for winter, resulting in a thicker, greener lawn next spring.

What You'll Need

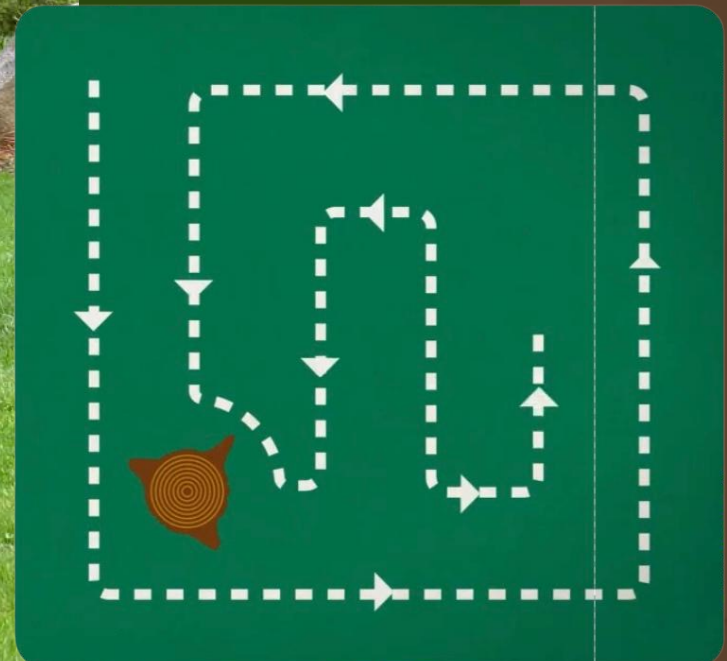
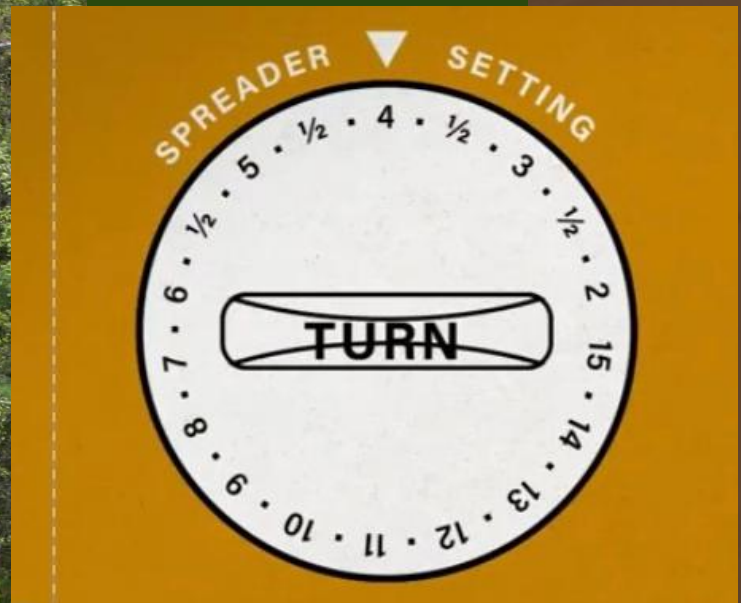


Step 1: Feed Your Lawn



The difference between a "so-so" lawn and a truly beautiful lawn, both now and next spring, is the one-two punch of a pair of fall feedings. Fertilize your lawn in early fall and again 6-8 weeks later with **Scotts Turf Builder Winterguard Fall Lawn Food**, OR use **Scott's Winterguard Fall Weed & Feed** if you need to clear out weeds.

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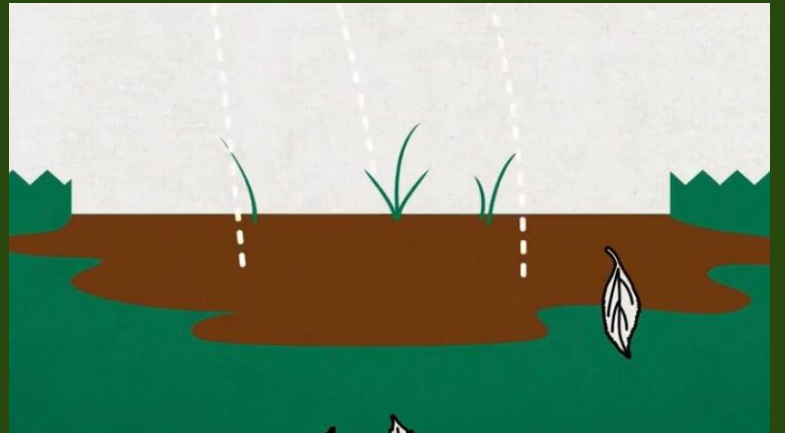
Be sure to adjust your spreader setting according to the fertilizer label instructions. Spread across lawn evenly. Repeat this process 6-8 weeks later.

Step 2: Repair Bare Spots



Using a hand rake or other tool, loosen the top layer of soil to give the new seed a better chance to nestle in and begin to build strong roots. Next, apply **Scotts EZ Seed** evenly over bare spots. Just be sure to choose the right seed for your grass type, and hold off for a month if you just fertilized.

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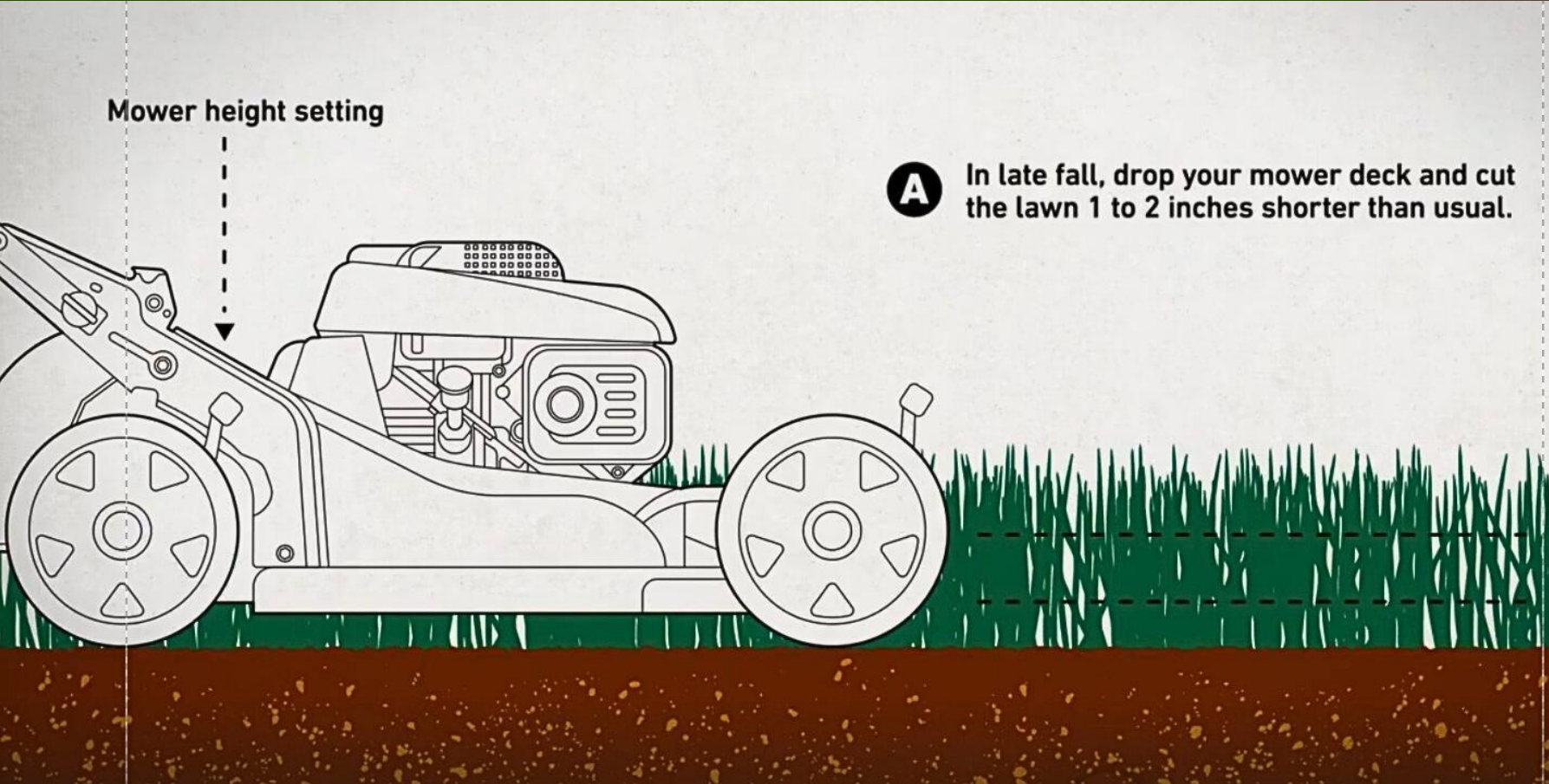
Give the newly seeded patch a deep and thorough watering (stop if you see the water start to puddle). In order to keep the seeds hydrated so they can grow to their full potential, the patch will most likely need to be watered daily, or whenever **EZ Seed** begins to turn light brown. Try to keep kids, pets and lawn mowers off the newly planted seedlings until they are at least 3 inches high.

Step 3: Mulch Your Leaves

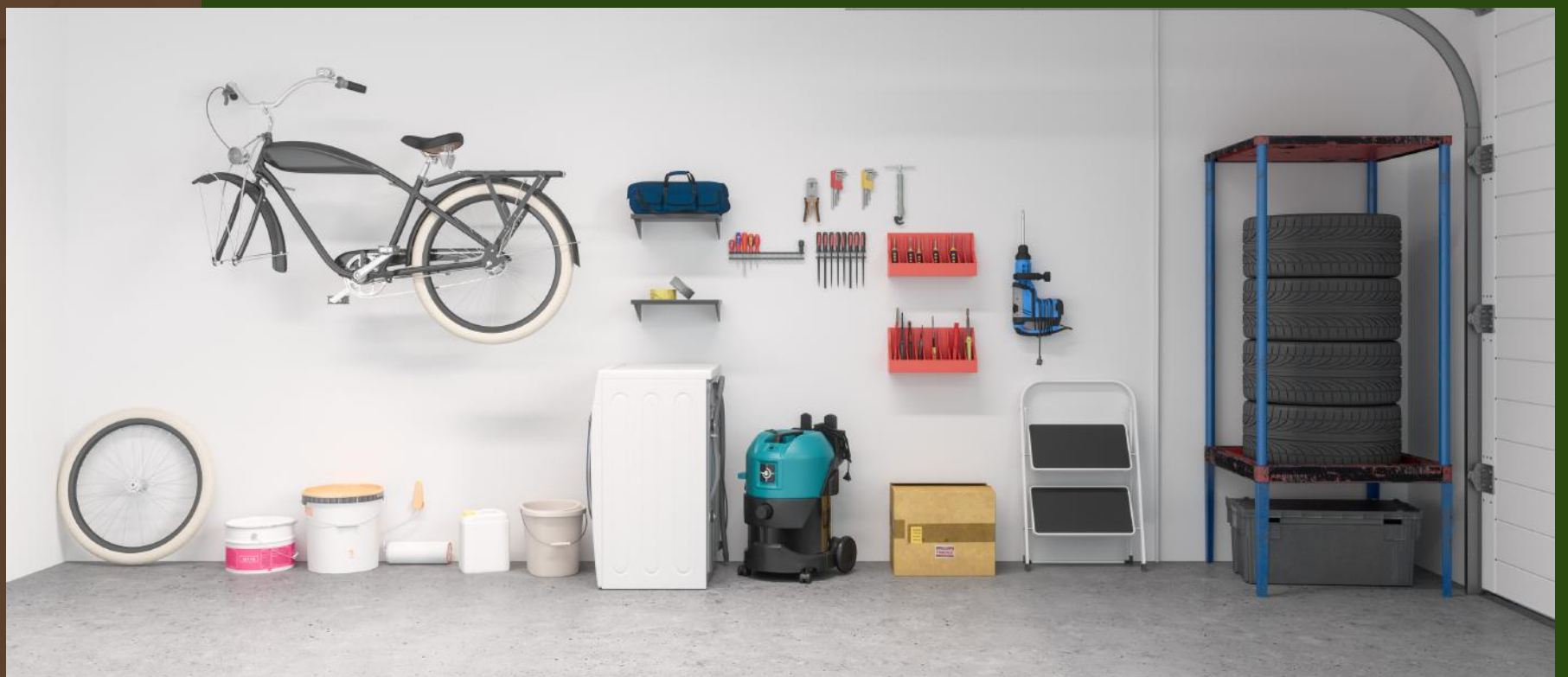


Mow over your leaves to chop them into dime-sized pieces to add nutrients to your soil. Otherwise, leaves will block sunlight and thin your grass.

Step 4: Mow Your Lawn Shorter



Step 5: Clean Up



Clean your gutters. Store and clean your outdoor furniture. Empty the gas in your mower; then clean it and your tools for a fresh start next spring.

