

Grow It Green

Natural Lawn Care Newsletter

TOPDRESS AND OVERSEED TO AVOID WEEDS

Topdressing

Topdressing adds organic matter and improves the condition of your soil. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of topsoil or compost, and be careful not to smother the grass blades. Look for bags of top dressing that contain a blend of compost, soil, and peat moss. Avoid using “black earth” because it does not contain the nutrients needed for a thick, strong lawn. Topdressing is essential on bare areas and on lawns with little topsoil.

Overseeding

Overseeding makes your lawn thicker and helps crowd out weeds. Choose a high quality lawn seed and apply the seed with a spreader or by hand. Use a mixture of grass seeds containing perennial ryegrasses and fescues to make your lawn more resistant to drought and insects. You can topdress and overseed together, by mixing the seed and soil together, and then applying the mixture to your lawn. This helps keep the seeds in place and increases seed to soil contact needed for growth. Keep the seeds moist for several days, and follow the package directions closely for watering guides.

Region of Waterloo Outdoor Water Use By-Law

The by-law permits watering after overseeding for the first 24 hours and for 6 consecutive days during the morning and evening hours. Watering is also allowed for a second week during the watering hours on odd days for odd addresses and even days for even addresses. A sign from the Region must be posted and is available at all regional buildings.

For more information on topdressing, overseeding, and other helpful lawn care tips visit www.letscurbpesticides.ca

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