

SPRING LAWN CARE GUIDE FOR LUSH, GREEN GRASS IN WILMINGTON, NC

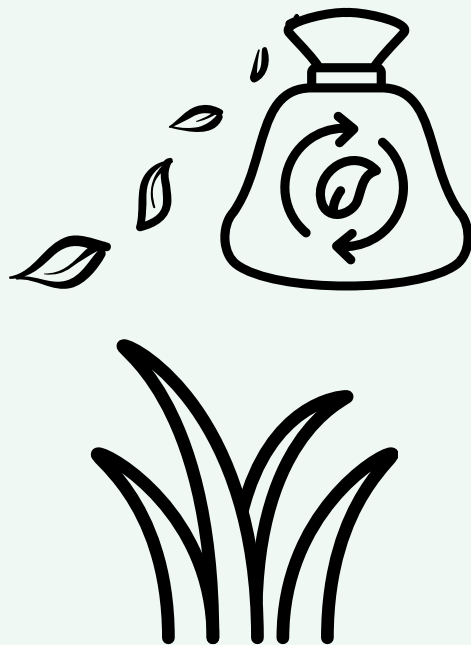
A Vinedresser Lawn and Landscape Guide

CLEAN DEBRIS & IDENTIFY YOUR GRASS

Firstly, your yard could use a little TLC (tender lawn care), so go ahead and clear off any twigs or leaves left from the winter. This'll make everything else a whole lot easier.

Your lawn is probably a mix of Centipede, Bermuda, St. Augustine, or Zoysia. They are "warm-season" grasses, more tolerant to the sandy soils and hot summer. If you're unsure of your grass type, we'd be happy to help identify it!

It's important to know what grass-species, so you can buy the right kind to fill bare spots!

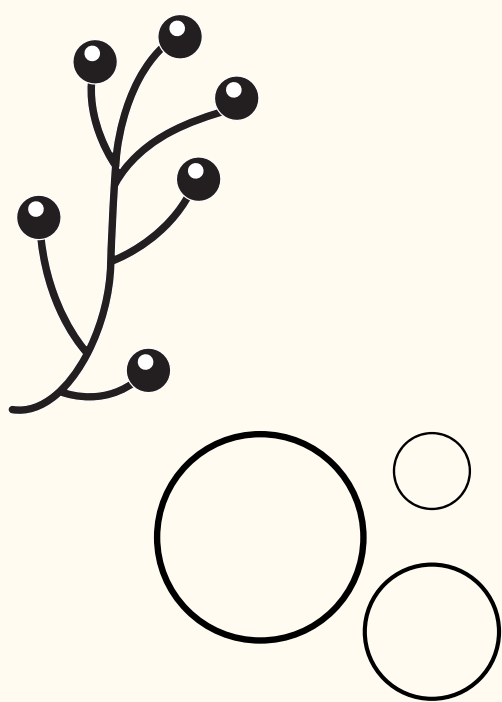


TREAT PROBLEM AREAS

Here's a couple things to keep in mind...

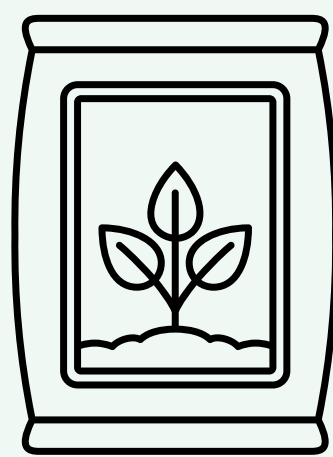
Weeds: You shouldn't have many weeds, but if you do you can physically remove them. BUT let's not stop there, use a pre-emergent come early March. This helps keep your lawn weed free for the summer months, where post-emergence may not do so well with the summer heat.

Bare Spots and Fungal Patches: For bare spots, we recommend clearing these areas of any debris (including dead grass!). If you're unable to easily stick a screwdriver in the soil, you'll want to aerate the soil, perhaps with a metal rake. You'll need to add top soil, plant sprigs or sod slabs, and regularly water to fill them with vibrant green grass. Keep an eye out for any fungal patches (sections of dead grass), as these need to be treated asap.



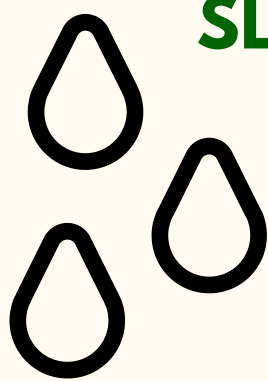
FERTILIZE

Once the threat of cold weather has passed, you can begin to apply a controlled-release fertilizer - one higher in nitrogen (side note: nitrogen is the first number on the bag, N-P-K). Make sure to follow the proper dosage on the bag as you don't want to over fertilize and "burn" your grass. We **highly** recommend a soil test as this will tell you exactly what your lawn needs.



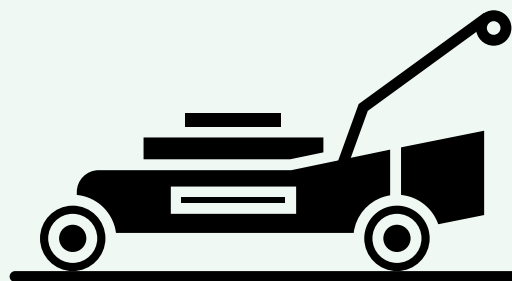
SLOW DOWN, DON'T OVER-WATER

Unless you've just seeded your lawn, over-watering actually stunts root growth and makes your lawn more prone to stress during the hot summer months. LOOK for these signs to water your lawn: folded leaf blades, blue-gray color, or visible footprints in grass (the grass isn't bouncing back)



BEGIN MOWING

Once your grass is about 3.5-4" tall, you can begin mowing regularly. Make sure to have sharp blades when mowing. Don't mow more than 1/3 of the grass blade, at one time as this can stress the grass. Mow higher during summer months to reduce the stress on the lawn. 4" is great.



ENJOY YOUR LAWN!

One of the best ways to be aware of the health of your lawn is to enjoy it regularly - you'll notice when a problem begins to crop up if you're spending a lot of time outside! We specialize in regular maintenance of lawns in your area for a great outdoor experience.

