

# How to... take care of your lawn

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The Pacific guide to a perfect lawn is a tried and tested formula to assist you in achieving every gardener's dream. Chemical manufacturers have ploughed millions of pounds into research and now produce easily applied chemicals for achieving beautiful lawns.

## March to May

**Moss Control:** This is an ideal time to clear your lawn of moss that has built up over the damp winter months. We recommend using lawn sand as it will kill the moss and also raise the pH of the soil, preparing it for the uptake of food in the coming months. After a couple of weeks, once the moss has gone black, rake out all the dead moss using a lawn rake or scarifier. Raking areas of live moss may spread the moss further!

**All in One Lawn Treatment:** At this time of year (after any necessary moss control), we strongly recommend using Aftercut All-in-One Lawn Treatment. This is a fast acting triple action product that will feed the lawn as well as treating against weeds and moss. Apply using a spreader when the lawn is dry and make sure that that it is then watered in well over the next few days.

## May to September

During the summer months, an all-in-one treatment can still be used with care. Ensure adequate watering or rainfall to avoid scorching. During a dry period, a liquid feed such as Miracle Gro's Soluble Lawn Food may be used instead.

**Aftercut Lawn Thickener:** This is a great product to use during the summer, ideally after every few cuts. It is a fast action fertiliser with added seed, which will green up and thicken your lawn.

**Weed Control:** Weeds in your lawn will be controlled to a degree with the all-in-one treatment. However, if weeds persist then we recommend using Weedol Lawn Weed Killer (the green bottle!). Apply on a dry day to treat broad leaved weeds such as dandelions, buttercups and clover. Grass weeds such as couch should be removed by hand.

## October to December

**Autumn Lawn Food:** This is perhaps the most important of all the lawn treatments. Applying an autumn lawn food will strengthen the roots, ensuring better growth in the spring and better resilience to drought during the following summer. It will also contain a moss killer that will make spring moss control much easier.

**Moss Control:** The autumn months are a good time to control moss if it wasn't done in the spring, or if the moss has reappeared. Follow the same procedure as is the spring.

## Other Treatments

**Aerating:** Increasing the drainage of your lawn is essential for preventing moss and water-logging, especially on areas which have been compacted through heavier use. There are many methods of aerating your lawn, from using a garden fork to spiky shoes or hollow tine aerators. Once aerated, apply liberal amounts of horticultural sand and brush into the holes to prevent them closing up.

**Patches:** Bare patches in your lawn are unsightly and can be caused by anything from moss to pets, birds or simple overuse. We recommend using Aftercut Gro-Sure Smart Patch Repair.

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