

OVERSEEDING WITH WINTER RYE GRASS

It's almost that time of year again. Will you overseed or not, that's the big question?

If a functional lawn is part of your landscape design and you have spent all spring and summer nurturing your lawn, you must start planning on overseeding now. It may seem early to be planning overseeding; however this is to ensure that the proper steps and preparation can be executed to achieve the best results. Properly executing your plan to overseed will allow you to enjoy your patch of green year round.

Overseeding begins in early October and runs through mid-November. This is when evening temperatures begin to lower to the mid-sixties on a consistent basis. Cooler evening temperatures make for ideal conditions for Rye seed to germinate. This is a key element for a successful overseed.

Heavy dethatching is also big part of the overseeding process. This is the mechanical removal of organic matter that builds up in-between the upper layers of the soil and the plant. By removing this layer you help create good seed to soil contact, which enhances seed germination. Seed to soil contact is another key element for a successful overseed.

Keeping your lawn green throughout the winter pays great dividends. It maintains the beauty of your landscape design, it allows you to continue having a functional area for children and pets to play, and it provides space for family gatherings. Overseeding also protects your dormant Bermuda from heavy wear during the winter months. Furthermore, appropriate turf areas are one of the seven principles of Xeriscape. So, it's okay to "Go for the Green!"

Effects of a healthy lawn

Follow the link above to check out the study of the Benefits of Turf Grasses vs. Emissions.

Are you really saving money!!
Who would want to play on this!



Look's a lot better and think how it would affect property values!



Authors comments: You may remember reading this article last year and you would be right. I think it is worth repeating. Turf gets a bad name as costing a lot of money with water use and overseeding costs. I feel it has a lot of benefits that out weigh those costs. We have concerns about bad air here in Phoenix and the use of power equipment to maintain turf; however, studies have shown that turf absorbs 4 times as much Carbon Dioxide from the air than power equipment puts out. If maintained properly the benefits of overseeding and keeping grass green year round outweigh the costs. I have also included a link (Effects of a healthy lawn) to the study mentioned above.

Thank you,
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