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LAWN RENOVATION

Design & Installation:

- Natural Gardens
- Japanese Gardens
- Bed Maintenance
- Therapeutic Gardens
- Paths & Patios
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- Specialty Gardens
- Seasonal Color & Interest

September To-Do List:

- Plant or transplant evergreens
- Fertilize lawns
- Seed or repair lawns
- Change irrigation to your fall watering schedule
- Renovate and repair lawns
- Divide and transplant early blooming perennials

Ogdenwords:

Aeration: Permeation of soil by air; exposure of soil to the action of the elements by rough digging.

Calyx (pl. Calyxes): The group or cluster of modified leaves enclosing a flower bud, each segment being a sepal. In some plants the sepals partially replace the flower petals and are brightly colored.

Tepal: A flower segment not clearly distinguishable as being either a petal or a sepal, eg crocus and tulip.

Sepal: A part of a flower calyx, usually at the base of the flower protecting the petals, often like a small leaf.

If your lawn has been neglected, or is facing challenges, a lawn renovation may be needed. Renovation refers to the repair and improvement of an existing lawn without complete re-establishment of the turf cover.

Before any renovation is done the cause of the damage should be determined. The following can be causes of lawn failure: thatch accumulation, weed infestation, disease and insect damage, excessive use, poor maintenance, soil compaction, poor drainage, and improper turf selection.

Thatch is the build up of excessive unwanted material that can choke out air, water and sunlight. Lawns need to be raked properly to remove excessive thatch.

Weeds are usually the biggest problem other than watering and maintenance. They are often fast growers and use limited resources that should be used by the healthy turf. To treat weeds you have to know what you have before you can treat them.

Maintenance involves mowing, watering, aeration and weed control. When mowing, a general rule is never remove more than 1/3 of a grass blade. Cutting this amount leaves enough grass for the plant to continue producing enough food. Longer turf also keeps the roots and soil cool and moist, and helps pre-

vent weeds from growing. If cut too short the turf can burn and weeds will take over.

Watering at the right times and with the right amount will help you maintain an ideal environment for your lawn. Watering early during daylight hours is ideal. This allows water to dry from the grass before nightfall when hot, humid air encourages fungi to thrive. Turf grass usually requires $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 inch of water per week; during long, hot, dry spells more water may be needed.

Excessive use of water can cause soil compaction. This happens when airspaces are forced out, preventing oxygen from reaching the roots and making it difficult for root and top growth. Soil can be

improved through aeration and/or adding organic material to the top layer of soil. In time, this layer will develop into several inches of good viable soil that will provide ideal growing conditions.

Fall is an ideal time to aerate, de-thatch and seed a lawn. As the days get cooler, it is the perfect opportunity to seed and prepare the lawn for the following season. The soil is warm and seed can easily germinate. It is also the best time for cultural practices like aerating and de-thatching. Consult Ogden's about your lawn options and create a beautiful, healthy lawn. Call us today to schedule an appointment.



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