

Landscape Committee

And now for Lawn Tips!

It's almost the start of the Fall Season here in Central Texas. With that in mind, everyone wants to ensure that they have the best lawn care possible with the majority of us having St. Augustine grass. Let's face it; a deep green color is so much nicer than the brownish green or yellow in color, or patchy dead grass. To most people, it looks like the latter which seems sickly and neglected. But to the contrary, you have done all you can to get it to the best possible lawn like your neighbors across the street. With every lawn and weed feed, potassium nitrate added, or continued watering, it still doesn't compare to your neighbors. Don't despair, it's never too late to recover that lawn and get the same beautiful lawn as your neighbors across or down the street from you. It just takes some great tips, patience, and elbow grease to achieve the same look without a lawn company doing the expensive work.

Here are a few tips that can get you there.

Fall and spring are the best times to seed your lawn. Take note of the weather before seeding/reseeding. Best time is when temperatures do not go below 40 degrees at night or higher than 80 degrees during the day for at least a week or two before starting.

Aeration can also go a long way in helping germinate your lawn before seeding. Some lawns may not need aeration but most of central Texas is covered with clay dirt and is harder for any type of grass such as St. Augustine or Bermuda grass to grow deep roots. Aeration assists your lawn in getting that much needed air and nutrients.

Fertilize your lawn every 6-8 weeks from early spring through the fall to the end of October. This strengthens your lawns health with stronger deeper roots and resistance to stress.

Leaf Removal. Leaves choke your lawn by blocking sunlight, which your lawn needs before dormancy in the winter. So rake them up to ensure your grass gets that needed sunlight especially in the fall before dormancy to survive the winter months.

Weed control-Fall is the perfect time to apply weed preventive herbicides and control those nasty crabgrass or dandelions from coming back in the spring. Always use manufacturer recommendations before applying any herbicides for your lawn.

For more information on these tips, click on or type in the link provided in your browser. https://youtu.be/gG_fXvl-mus

If you have questions or ideas, please email your neighborhood Landscape Committee at QELandscapecommittee@gmail.com and we will get your questions answered or ideas taken into consideration and if it's a great idea, we will add it to the next Quail Estate newsletter.

Next Newsletter in Lawn Tips-How to get rid of crabgrass in your lawn.