

Timely Tips for October Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

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Fall Lawn Care

Give your lawn the feeding and care it needs to remain lush and beautiful through the winter months. There are 3 Basic Steps to creating a lawn that will stay lush and green throughout the winter.

Step 1 – Weed Control

Apply a pre-emergent herbicide. This is best done in the last two weeks of September or first two weeks of October. Pre-emergent herbicides only kill weed seeds, not weeds that have sprouted, This is why it is important to apply these products every season for best results. Try Bonide® Weed Beater Complete, Greenlight® Crabgrass Preventer; or Corn Gluten Meal for organic lawns.

Step 2 – Seed Cool-Season Grasses

After applying pre-emergents, overseed your lawn with grass seed that will thrive in winter. Good choices are Tall Fescue and Perennial Ryegrass. To overseed, simply use a seed caster to distribute grass seed evenly right over your current lawn. When you water, they will work their way down to the soil where they can root. As the weather cools, you will notice these grasses begin to emerge and grow, giving your garden that gorgeous emerald green color all through the winter.

Step 3 – Feed High-Quality Nutrients

Finally, fertilize your lawn for the fall. If you have planted new grass seed for the winter, Calloway's Premium Lawn Food, with a blend of 21-5-10, will provide everything your young grass needs to develop strong roots for winter, as well as the right blend of nutrients to green your existing grass.

For established lawns, Calloway's Phosphorous-Free Lawn Food, at 21-0-0, with Triple Release Controlled Nitrogen is an excellent choice. It reduces salt accumulation in soils and groundwater. It's good for the environment and good for your lawn.

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