

5 Tips to Prepare Your Lawn for Spring in Utah

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Springtime in Utah is often dramatic with high winds, snow flurries and sunshine, and rainbows - sometimes all in one day! Utahans like to joke that the beginning of spring, March 20th or 21st, is actually called Sprinter. When we finally roll into ***true spring-like weather with melting snow and warmer temperatures, it is time to think about getting a head start on lawn care.*** **Big League Lawns** suggests keeping in mind the following 5 tips to prepare your lawn for spring in Utah.

Remove Debris

Begin your lawn care regime by removing large debris like branches, then rake to clear away smaller debris like leaves. ***By removing debris that has accumulated over the long winter months, you are allowing vital sunlight needed for healthy growth to reach every area of your lawn.*** Raking also lifts up matted areas to allow air circulation to reverse snow mold and inhibit other disease or insect infestation. This will also encourage the growth of new grass blades.

Core Aeration

If you haven't aerated your lawn for a few years, core aeration in the spring season can revitalize your lawn and provide better water absorption and air circulation. Core aeration should be done when soil temperatures are between 55-60 degrees to fortify root development and stimulate new growth without attracting aggressive weed seeds.

First Mow of The Year

The first mow of the year shouldn't be about a specific date but should be determined by the height of your grass. ***As grass wakes up from it's long winter slumber in and starts to grow again in March or April, the first mow will trim off winter damage.*** Begin with a low cut, use the second lowest setting on your mower, this will allow sunshine to better absorb into the soil. After the first mow, move your setting to the second highest for the rest of the season.

Perennial Weeds

In March, ***broad-leaf weeds will need pre-emergent weed control.*** Common perennial weeds in the Beehive State include:

- Dandelions
- Thistle
- Mallow
- Morning Glory

While crabgrass can be misidentified as orchard grass, it can be hard to spot in springtime. ***If you noticed pesky crabgrass in the previous summer, it is almost certain that it will make another appearance this year.*** Treatment with a pre-emergent in April or May will prevent last year's seeds for germinating. If you have already dealt with crabgrass, you know, it is extremely difficult to eradicate once it has germinated.

Late Spring Care

Fertilizer will jump start your lawn to provide strength against drought and heat stress with vital nutrient build-up. But, ***don't fertilize until late spring, waiting until early to mid May will be the most beneficial time for your lawn.*** The warmer soil temperatures are ideal for the absorption of essential nutrients. An ideal treatment for early spring may be to apply a top dressing to your lawn with compost to give an early boost of vital nutrients, even out landscaping and provide better textured grass blades.

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If you would like professional help preparing your lawn in spring for the rest of the year, give us a call at **801-876-1834** to learn more about our customized lawn care services and to schedule your free lawn evaluation. ***It is important to remember that proper lawn care in the harsh Utah conditions takes specialized experience and knowledge to achieve a full, thick, green lawn that you can be proud of.***

