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Seasonal advice, education and industry insight for healthier, more resilient lawns.

A season of preparation

Autumn is a vital season for lawn care. As temperatures cool and growth slows, your lawn is still active below the surface, building roots and storing energy for winter. The work you do now helps create a healthier, denser and more resilient lawn for the year ahead.



The Great British Lawn Education Audit

The Lawn Association has published the Great British Lawn Education Audit, a major review of how lawn advice, products and practices have developed over the past 30 years, and the impact this has had on domestic lawns in the UK.

It raises important questions about the influence of commercial interests, the lack of independent lawn education and the need for a more evidence-based, horticultural approach.

The full audit is available on our website.



Autumn lawn care

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE NEEDED TO DO BY NOW

Cleared leaves

Regularly remove fallen leaves to prevent smothering and disease. Where dry, they can also be mulched to return valuable organic matter to the soil.

Light scarification

It may be too late now, but get ready for spring if you do need to control some thatch and improve air movement at the soil surface.

Overseeding

Overseeding should have been done by now, but with bent and fescue lawns you can also increase density by pruning (regular mowing) to encourage natural thickening.

Feeding

TRUE Grass is perfect for any late feeds, of which you may just be able to get away with in the next week or two.

Aeration

It has been very dry for this operation, but hollow-tining will relieve compaction from the summer, improve drainage and encourage deeper, healthier root systems.

Adjusting mowing height

Raise the mowing height slightly to help protect the lawn through the cooler months and reduce stress.



New online courses coming soon

We are developing new online courses to support homeowners, gardeners, landscapers and garden designers, alongside a full redevelopment of our existing course.



Preparing for winter

Now is a good time to be doing as little as possible. This is where the Record-Keeping Manual is invaluable.

Looking back over the winter at what you've actually done, what worked and what didn't, is an incredibly useful tool for planning a more effective and sustainable lawn next year.



A new Record-Keeping Manual will be available next year. Get in touch to order yours as soon as possible.



Looking ahead

We remain committed to independent, evidence-based lawn education. Through our courses, research, partnerships and industry engagement, we will continue to promote better lawns naturally for the benefit of people, gardens and the environment.