

The Organic Lawn Care Calendar

<u>Spring</u>	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharpen mower blades (or over winter) Edge paths Overseed thin & bare lawn areas <i>unless you are applying corn gluten</i> When daffodils and forsythia bloom: Apply corn gluten (12 lbs/1000ft) for weed control and fertilizer (Ground temps 50-55° F)
	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core aerate as needed Start mowing as needed. Always mow 3-4" high – leave clippings on lawn (if less than 2" length) Make 1st fertilizer application by Memorial Day
<u>Summer</u>	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dig, rake, or use borax on creeping Charlie Dig dandelions, burdock, thistles, and other perennial weeds
	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass growth slowing. Driest time. Consider letting grass go dormant by not watering 2nd corn gluten application (if crabgrass persists)
	August	
<u>Fall</u>	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overseed (slit-seed August 15th – September 15th) Take soil samples and fertilize accordingly Core aerate and dethatch
	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulch-mow leaves or rake and compost them
<u>Winter</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sand instead of salt for ice Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation and keep woodies healthy