

Overseeding

- 1 Determine the size of lawn to be overseeded. Fescue lawns should be overseeded at a rate of 4-6 pounds per 1000 square feet.
- 2 Purchase all of the products that you need to complete the job.
 - a. Choose a quality grass seed such as Kansas Premium fescue blend. Cheap seed often contains weed and other crop seed that is difficult or impossible to remove without damaging your new lawn.
 - b. Use starter fertilizer such as Ferti-lome New Lawn Starter when seeding. New grass will be healthier and establish faster.
 - c. Natural Guard Soil Activator increases the microbial activity in the soil. Microbes aid in converting fertilizes into a form grass can use. Healthy soil makes healthy plants.
 - d. Rent a verticutter/seeder and fertilizer spreader. Unless grass seed is lightly incorporated into the ground a low percentage of seed will come up. The best way to accomplish this is by using a verticutter to cut shallow grooves into your lawn creating a seed bed.
- 3 Mow your lawn to 1.5" tall.
- 4 Mark all sprinkler heads to avoid damage from seeder.
- 5 Verticut lawn in one direction then go over the area again in at a 45 degree angle. Remove the debris with a rake or mower with a bag attachment.
- 6 Broadcast seed over the entire lawn starting with the spreader set at a low setting. Go over the area until the seed is gone.
- 7 Broadcast New Lawn Starter and then the Soil Activator at the labeled rate.
- 8 Keep the seed moist until the grass is established. This is best done with frequent short watering. If new seed is allowed to dry out it will die
- 9 Mow cool season grass after it has reached a height of 3 inches. Set the mower to a height of 2 inches. Continue to mow with the mower set at 2 inches for the remainder of the season. In the spring height should be set at 3 inches.
- 10 After the grass has been growing for 30 days apply Ferti-lome Winterizer to help establish a strong root system.



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