

Aerating Lawn Turf in Arlington, Texas and the Southern Cross Timbers

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Many times over the last 19 years that I have been aerating lawns for homeowners in the Dallas Fort Worth Area my customers ask me “*when should I aerate my lawn?*”

The answer of course is – *when it needs it!*

Professionals in the lawn care industry will tell us that lawn aeration is suggested when the soils are compacted and that there's a simple test for this – the screw driver test.

Simply jab a screw driver into your lawn turf soil and if it's difficult to remove it is recommended that you have your lawn aerated.

There's a bit more to the subject than that.

Lawn grasses, grass runners, roots and the soil organic matrix, with micro organisms, conventional fertilizer and even organic fertilizer, at various depths in their respective locations have a tendency to need to have their components “*moved around a bit*” for optimum growth, health and performance.

Because of this I recommend lawn turf aeration annually.

This practice also helps to deter lawn turf fungus that has become prevalent in the South from Florida to west Texas.

A great deal of irrigation water is applied to our lawn turf in this region of the country to help support the fast growing tree roots and shrubs transplanted in the Southern Cross Timbers.

Proper watering requires the presence of oxygen as well. Lawn aeration creates voids in the soils to allow oxygen to be present during the watering process.

Lawn aeration practiced by a professional who takes care of his machinery and who knows how to operate the machine will result in less required fertilizer and water and result in a greener, fuller, healthier lawn.