

Lawn Care

Spring (March to May).

- Prepare the lawn for treatments by raking off surface debris
- **Removing moss.**
If raking is not enough to get rid of unwanted moss, **iron sulphate** can be used to kill it (see advice leaflet). Take care not to overuse it or use it in dry conditions since the grass can be blackened by it.
Lawn sand (own mix) comprising 10kg silver sand, 3kg ammonium sulphate and 1kg of iron sulphate is a top dressing with fertiliser and mosskiller.
Sinclair's Weed, Feed and Mosskiller (no sand) is an alternative top dressing.
- **Fertiliser**
Ammonium sulphate will stimulate the growth of grass (see leaflet).
Vitax (liquid) Green-up Weed and Feed is suitable if a weedkiller is needed as well as a fertiliser, and so is **Sinclair's Weed, Feed and Mosskiller** is an alternative top dressing.
- **Weedkiller**
Liquid Verdone Extra and **Vitax Lawn Clear** are both selective weedkillers which kill broadleaved weeds and leave grass unaffected.
- **Covering bare patches.** Sow grass seed in damp conditions.

Summer (May to August).

- **Rake** off surface debris.
- **Fertiliser.** If not given in spring, **ammonium sulphate** (granular) or **Vitax Green-up (liquid) Weed and Feed** can be used in early summer.
Note that it is **not** advisable to use mosskiller at this time.
- **Weedkiller.** If necessary and not done in spring, use liquid **Verdone Extra** or **Vitax Lawn Clear**.

Autumn (September to November).

- **Rake** off surface debris
- **Kill moss**, if necessary, using iron sulphate.
- **Scarify**, after the moss has died, to scratch off dead moss and grass. **Lessen compaction and increase drainage** every 2 – 3 years after scarifying. Aerate the soil by using a fork to make holes in the lawn, then brushing in horticultural sand (approx. 2kg per square metre).
- **Fertiliser.** In autumn a high phosphate fertiliser such as bonemeal is recommended.

Winter (December to February).

Have a rest!