

# LAWN & GARDEN TIPS

## The Grass Is Always Greener When You Winterize

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, homeowners are discovering they can enjoy a healthier, greener lawn in the spring and summer by giving it a little “winterizing” care in the fall.

To winterize your lawn, begin by raking up or mulching any leaves and other debris. Leaves can kill the grass underneath, leaving bare spots that invite weeds in the spring. Insects and disease spores also live through winter beneath the protection of fallen leaves, emerging in the spring to do their damage.

Many lawns will benefit from core aerating in the fall, relieving the compressed soil that results from the accumulated pounding of summer family activities. Whether you rent an aeration machine or hire a service, aerating will improve water absorption, oxygen movement and root penetration through the soil.

Most important, fall is the best time to apply fertilizer and control weeds in your lawn. Grass plants reduce top growth in the fall, putting more energy and nutrients into growing stronger, healthier root systems. This results in more vigorous grass that stays greener longer into the fall, is better able to withstand the rigors of winter, and greens up faster in the springtime.

Weeds pay more attention to their roots in the fall, too, making it the most efficient time to get weed killer from the leaves, where it's applied, to all parts of the plant for fast, complete weed control.

Be sure to use products specifically formulated for fall, such as Sta-Green Winterizer and Winterizer Weed & Feed. These winterizer products will promote deeper, stronger root systems for fast greening, winter hardiness, and earlier spring green-up without burning or harming lawns.



**Winterizing in the fall can result in a greener, healthier lawn the next spring and summer.**

Green-up your wallet, too! From August 15 until November 30, 2003, if you find one of up to 10 “Golden Tickets” inside Sta-Green Winterizer or Winterizer Weed & Feed sold at Lowe’s, you’ll win a \$10,000 Lowe’s Gift Card! And every bag will generate a mail-in form printed on the cash register receipt for a \$2.00 Lowe’s Gift Card when purchasing a 5,000 sq. ft. bag, and a \$5.00 Gift Card with a 15,000 sq. ft. bag purchase.

As part of this promotion, Sta-Green will also donate \$25,000 to the Home Safety Council, and \$2,500 to each winner’s local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

To find out more about this promotion or if you have questions about Sta-Green Winterizer or Winterizer Weed & Feed, call the Sta-Green Consumer Services Line toll free at 1-800-332-5553, or visit them on the Web at [www.lowes.com/sta-green](http://www.lowes.com/sta-green).

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