



# HOME & GARDEN

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## Lawn Tips

- Late February through the end of March is the second best time (the optimum time is late August through mid October) to over-seed your lawn to make it thicker or to cover bare areas. The freezing and thawing of the soil this time of the year helps the seed to get good soil contact. Remove leaves and other debris and rake the soil to ensure good seed-soil contact. To over seed an existing tall fescue lawn, broadcast tall fescue seed at a rate of 3-4 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. For blue-grass and fine leaved fescue lawns use half this seeding rate. When seeding completely barren areas, sow tall fescue seed at about 6-8 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft.
- Be careful to keep ice-melting products off turf to avoid killing your lawn.
- Avoid walking on your lawn when it is frozen. Although it will not kill the grass, when frozen the grass blades will break leaving unsightly dead foot prints on the lawn.

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