



Success with GARDEN PEARLS
Do-It-Yourself LAWN CARE

New Lawn Care

- Set realistic expectations for lawn appearance, tolerate a few weeds.
- Pull soil samples and have soil tested incl. pH, when starting new.
- pH for your lawn should be between 6 and 6.8 depending on soil and region.
- Follow the soil recommendation for liming or use our chart for **Garden Pearls**.
- Prepare the soil with compost application in new lawn installations
- Till 6 inches deep to encourage deep root development.

Established Lawn Care

- Apply 25 lbs. per 2,000 ft² of **Garden Pearls Calcium Carbonate** every year.
- Or – split apply in spring and in fall because Calcium is critical.
- Apply recommended amount of fertilizer rate for your area.
- Best fertilizer application times are in mid spring, early fall and late fall.
- Over seed in spring and fall with grass varieties recommended for your area.
- Core aeration reduces compaction & brings fertilizer/organic matter into soil.
- If you like, fill core plugs with raked-over compost or use sand. Over seed.
- Mow regularly to stimulate lateral shoot growth, mow at about 2-3 inches.
- Use mulching blades to add organic matter and reduce fertilizer need.
- Water when needed, 0.5 inch once per week, or more often in summer.
- Less water = less mowing.
- Check your tolerance for a dormant lawn in summer.

This will get your lawn off to a good start! Enjoy!

Soil underneath a lawn, that you can be proud of, must have the right soil pH. Calcium is a critical nutrient that is often deficient in high rainfall regions or because of high irrigation. Remember that healthy, strong growing turf keeps moss and weeds out. **Garden Pearl Calcium Carbonate** helps to release nutrients that are already in the soil (such as phosphorous) and can reduce fertilizer need. It builds strong plant cell walls to improve drought tolerance, winter survivability, and disease resistance. **Garden Pearl Calcium Carbonate** is best applied in fall, winter, or spring. Use 25 lbs./per 2,000 ft². You can certainly split the application between spring and fall or winter. The exact amount is not important and it is actually better to apply it regularly and as an integral part of your annual lawn care system.

You can always use the left-over Garden Pearls Calcium Carbonate in your compost, vegetable garden plots or flower beds.