



Getting ready for aeration day.

Ten minutes of prep, one to two days before your appointment, helps us pull deeper cores and put seed where it counts.



- 1 Water deeply 1–2 days before**
Soak the lawn so it's moist several inches down. Skip it if a good rain already did the job. Dry clay resists the tines; soggy soil smears. Aim for moist, not muddy.

- 2 Mow a little shorter**
Optional, but it helps: mow to about 2½ inches and bag the clippings so seed can reach the soil. Never scalp it.

- 3 Flag what's underground**
Put wire flags directly over sprinkler heads, valve boxes, shallow pipes and drains, low-voltage lighting, and septic lids and lines — anything less than about 4 inches deep. Flags, not spray paint: paint disappears into the grass.

- 4 Locate invisible dog fences**
Ask your fence provider to locate the boundary wire and flag it every 2–3 feet. These wires usually sit just inches below the surface.

- 5 Clear the lawn**
Move toys, hoses, furniture, decorations, fallen branches and pet waste out of the way.

- 6 Unlock gates, keep pets in**
Make sure we can reach every area, and let us know ahead of time about narrow gates or tight side yards.

- 7 Hold off on weed preventers**
No crabgrass preventer, pre-emergent or "weed & feed" this fall. Most keep new grass seed from establishing and can last 12–16 weeks.

- 8 Tell us what we can't see**
New sod, recent repairs, steep slopes, soft or wet spots, and septic drain fields. Using a lawn service? Tell them you're seeding.

Pro tip: the screwdriver test

The day before, push a long screwdriver into the lawn in a few spots.

Slides in ~3 in. You're ready.

Stops at 1 in. Water more — the soil is too dry.

Water squishes up Too wet. Let it drain before service.

Good to know

Tennessee 811 doesn't cover private lines. The free 811 service gets public utility lines marked, but not sprinkler pipes, invisible fences, landscape lighting, or wiring to sheds, pools or gate openers. Only you can flag those.

After we leave, start watering the same day. Your After-Service Guide covers watering, mowing and what to expect.



Questions? We're here to help.

Serving Lenox Village, Nippers Corner, Antioch, Cane Ridge, Crieve Hall and nearby Brentwood and Nolensville.

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