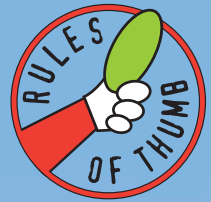


# Aeration



## Why might a lawn need Aeration?

It is common for lawns to develop a layer of thatch (organic matter) during a year. Both surface thatch and sub-surface thatch are detrimental to the overall development of turf grasses, by restricting the movement of water, air and nutrients in the soil.



## How does my lawn benefit from Aeration?

Hollow-Tine Aeration is the most effective way of relieving a lawn of thatch by punching thousands of cores from the lawn. This operation thins out thatch on the surface of the lawn whilst at the same time, relieving soil compaction within the root zone (commonly known as sub-surface compaction).

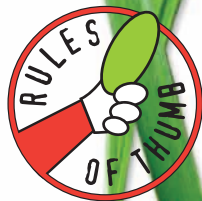
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## **How does GreenThumb know if my lawn needs Aerating?**

We take a number of core samples from the lawn and then measure the depth of the thatch. When the thatch layer is unacceptably deep or there is excessive compaction present, we recommend Aeration.



## **Why does GreenThumb 'Hollow-Tine Aerate', instead of just 'Spiking'?**

In our experience, Hollow-Tine Aeration is the most effective and rigorous form of lawn aerating. Spiking is not as effective.

## **How often does my lawn need to be Aerated?**

There is no rule. GreenThumb carries out Aeration when the lawn needs it. Many customers do however like to have their lawn aerated as part of their annual programme.

## **Why don't you collect the cores like they do on golf and bowling greens?**

Cores left on a golf or bowling green would interfere with play, so naturally they are removed. Interestingly, cores are commonly left on golf fairways during aerations, as they do provide some benefit.

## **Can GreenThumb carry out Scarification as well as Aeration on the same day?**

Yes we can.

## **Why does GreenThumb not recommend top-dressing?**

Top-dressing is an unnecessary expense on a lawn. The exception to this is when there is a heavy clay soil base and SAND is used as the top-dressing. Humps and hollows are not removed by top-dressing despite what you may have read.

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