

PRO SPRING LAWN CARE CHECKLIST

Step-by-Step Spring Cleanup

Built for landscaping crews. Work the steps in order, let soil temperature drive the timing, and check off each task as you go. One sheet per property keeps quality consistent across every client.

CLIENT	PROPERTY	DATE	CREW

Timing rule: soil temperature drives spring work, not the calendar. Apply pre-emergent before soil hits ~55F, when crabgrass germinates. Hold fertilizer until the grass is actively growing.

1 Clean Up the Yard

- Rake leaves, dead grass, matted thatch
- Clear beds, edges, walkways
- Pick up branches and winter litter
- Note bare patches and damage

2 Dethatch & Aerate

- Dethatch if layer is over 1/2 inch
- Aerate compacted soil
- Do it once the lawn is greening up

3 Test Soil & Fertilize

- Run a soil test (pH + nutrients)
- Pick fertilizer for grass type + results
- Apply only once grass is actively growing

4 Apply Pre-Emergent

- Apply before soil hits ~55F
- Water in per label to form barrier
- Don't pre-emergent where you'll seed

5 Seed & Repair

- Overseed thin and patchy areas
- Match seed to existing grass type
- Keep seeded areas consistently moist

6 Mow the Right Way

- Sharpen the blade before first cut
- Start higher, don't scalp the lawn
- One-third rule: never cut more in one pass
- Leave healthy clippings on the lawn

+ Before You Leave

- Final walkthrough with client
- Photos: before & after
- Confirm next visit / recurring schedule

Cool-season lawns (fescue, bluegrass): spring is prime for seeding. Warm-season (Bermuda, zoysia): start a few weeks later as soil warms.

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