

# Lawn Renovation Checklist

- Decide if the lawn requires total renovation (killing with a non-selective chemical) or only overseeding
- Apply non-selective herbicide to actively growing grass and weeds 2 weeks prior to the target seeding date
- If broad leaf weed treatments have been applied wait 2 weeks before reseeding
- Mow dead lawn vegetation down to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and remove all loose vegetation
- Core cultivate (aerate) the lawn heavily, so that holes are approximately 2 inches apart and 1 to 3 inches deep; OR run a power rake over the lawn in at least 2 different directions to make soil visible for seeding
- Use a drop seeder to apply seed at the recommended rate, going in two different directions
- Rake the seeded surface, or run over the lawn with a power rake
- Apply a starter fertilizer at the recommended rate
- Irrigate to keep the surface uniformly moist, but not saturated for a minimum of 2 weeks
- Keep traffic to a minimum on the newly seeded lawn
- Avoid the use of herbicides once the lawn has been seeded, and until it has been mowed 4 to 5 times
- Begin mowing the new lawn once the grass has grown to about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in height