

Need more green in your lawn and in your wallet? Water restrictions and high water bills might be putting you between a rock and hard place when it comes to maintaining your lawn. But don't let it go to the wayside just because you think you can't afford to keep it looking lush. Not only does a beautiful lawn significantly increase property value, your lawn is a reflection of you, and looking at it should make you feel good. If you cringe inside when you look at your lawn or your water bill, it's time to think about renovating. While the task may sound too expensive or too daunting, the truth is that you can create an affordable, beautiful lawn even from an unsightly, unhealthy one. Instead of having to pull up existing turf, you can just transition your lawn using Reveille® seed (pronounced rev-ə-lē) and save a lot of pain in your back and pocketbook!

Overseeding method

This method is the easiest and you won't have to kill any existing grass. It is a several-year process, but repeating six simple steps every late spring (beginning of April) or early fall (end of August) is all it takes.



1. Start by core aerating your lawn.
2. Mow grass down to a height of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or less.
3. Using 1 lb. per 1,000 sq. feet, seed with Reveille in two directions with a drop spreader.
4. Follow with a light raking to help work the seed into the soil.
5. Lightly cover with a layer of compost, using about 1 cubic yard per 1,000 sq. feet.
6. Water regularly 2-3 times per day for the first 14 days.

Quick transition method

With this method, you do have to kill off your existing lawn first, but it will give you results as quickly as planting seeds for a new lawn, and it's still as easy as six simple steps:

1. Spray current lawn with Round Up® and discontinue watering for a week. If lawn is not entirely dead in a week, water and then repeat step until lawn is dead.
2. Once all the grass is dead, scalp your lawn with a mower. Mow in stages, lowering height each time until there is no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch left. You may also want to use a power rake/dethatcher.
3. Using 2 to 3 lb. per 1,000 sq. feet, seed with Reveille using a spreader on the second lowest setting. Spread evenly over lawn, working in a crisscross pattern.
4. Work seed into the soil using a rake or a water roller.
5. Lightly cover with a layer of compost, using about 1 cubic yard per 1,000 sq. feet.
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