

Rainy Weather for Seeding and Fertilizing

This rainy weather is good for ducks, as my mother used to say, or for overseeding your lawn. A "Weed and feed" product is also best applied in cool, wet weather, but not at the same time as the seed.

There are a few new products on the market to fix bare patches too. They are 3 in 1 or 4 in 1 mixtures of composed/amended soil, seed, and fertilizer. If your lawn is patchy with bare, grassy, and weedy spots, try one of the mixed products. I have had success with both of these. They do not contain a weed-killing ingredient, so you will have to treat the weeds six weeks later.

There are several "weed and feed" products out there. On established (not patchy) lawns I prefer to weed first, then feed. Otherwise, I tend to feed the weeds.

Another job for cool, wet, spring weather is fertilizing your trees. I have three evergreen trees I planted as tiny seedlings when each of my three sons was born. They were originally planted in my backyard. As they reached about four feet in height, I asked the owner of the building behind us if I could plant them in his yard. He agreed, so now I get the privacy, but still have space for a garden in my yard...

To fertilize my trees I use spikes that get pounded into the ground around the tree's dripline. One spike contains enough fertilizer for each 2 inches of tree diameter. There are

many varieties on the market. Be sure to choose the proper spike for the tree(s) you want to feed.

The weather here is going to be cool and rainy for a few more days. With it too muddy for work in my [clients' gardens](#), I will get these chores done at home. If it is cool and rainy where you are, use this weather to get your overseeding and fertilizing done.

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