



HOW TO APPLY LIME for a Truly Green Lawn

Tips for River Star Homes



Why Add Lime?:

- The application of lime helps to balance the pH of your lawn to a healthy level for plant growth.

Types of Lime Commonly Used:

- **Calcitic Lime:** Neutralizes soil acidity and adds calcium to soil to encourage plant growth.
- **Dolomitic Lime:** Neutralizes soil acidity and also supplies calcium and magnesium to soil.
- **Aragonite:** Neutralizes soil acidity without adding magnesium. It also adds calcium to the soil.

Determine If Your Lawn Needs Lime:

- **Take a soil sample:** A soil test will help determine if your lawn needs additional lime and what type of lime is best.
- **Lime should only be applied after a soil test indicates it is needed:** Too much can cause the pH of your soil to rise.

How to Apply Lime:

- You can use either a drop spreader or spinner spreader (see manufacturer's directions for proper settings).
- Lime should be applied in the fall: Material will break down over winter before next growing season.
- Apply lime in a crisscross pattern: use $\frac{1}{2}$ the lime application in one direction and the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ perpendicular to the first application to ensure even cover.

How to Apply Two Applications of Lime (If Needed):

- If soil requires a lime application of more than 50 lbs/1000 sq. ft., split recommended amount of lime evenly over two applications.
- Lay down each application 3 to 6 months apart using the same methods as above.

