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 ½ the lime application in one direction and the remaining ½ 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.

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