

**Let lawns green up before doing aggressive cultivation**  
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The warm weather has many of us excited to start improving our home landscapes. There are many tasks and projects that can be completed this time of year. However, be careful with aggressive lawn cultivation such as dethatching, aerating, and low mowing. Also, try to limit traffic which can also be quite damaging. Currently plants are recovering from winter stress and are dehydrated and fragile. The turf now is very similar to turf after moderate summer drought conditions. Let the plants rehydrate and begin to regrow before starting aggressive management practices. The grass will quickly recover from dethatching and aeration once it begins to grow. Use this great weather to get caught up on other outdoor projects. Be patient, you'll be baling hay from your lawn soon.

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