



## Aeration and Seeding Preparation Instructions

Please complete the following tasks by Sunday before your scheduled week of service. Preparations by this date are sufficient for our arrival any day of your scheduled week.

### Preparation Instructions:

- Mow grass shorter than usual—1.5-2 inches. This is the only time we ask you mow this short. Cutting to this length allows for greater seed-to-soil contact and allows grass to establish for several weeks before needing to be mowed. This is also the only time we ask you to bag, blow, or rake grass clippings from your lawn.
- In the absence of rain, lightly water your lawn prior to service and then turn off your irrigation until after your service is completed. The ground should be slightly moist but not wet. Aeration machines perform better in dryer conditions.
- Flag all sprinkler heads, valve box covers, shallow electrical lines, water pipes, or water drainage pipes and/or any other sub-surface objects. Wire flags are available from hardware stores or [here on Amazon](#) and are the best tools for marking. The flags should be placed directly on top of the object. Spray paint should NOT be used as it is only visible after the aerator has passed over the painted object.
- Invisible Dog Fences are very shallow and easily damaged by an aerator. Please contact an electrician or the Invisible Dog Fence service to mark your underground wires. Wires should be marked every 2-3 feet and clearly represent the location of the wire. Virginia Green is not responsible for damage to Invisible Dog Fences that are not marked properly.
- Remove all lawn furniture, toys, or other movable objects from your lawn.

Thank you for your help in making this important service successful.