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WINTER SURVIVAL IN COLD CLIMATES

Here are some tips for preventing damage to your lawn over the long and cold winter months.

SALT DAMAGE

- Consider using salt alternatives like sand on your driveway and walkways
- If salt damage is seen in spring, water these areas heavily to flush out the salt
- Reseed dead areas if needed



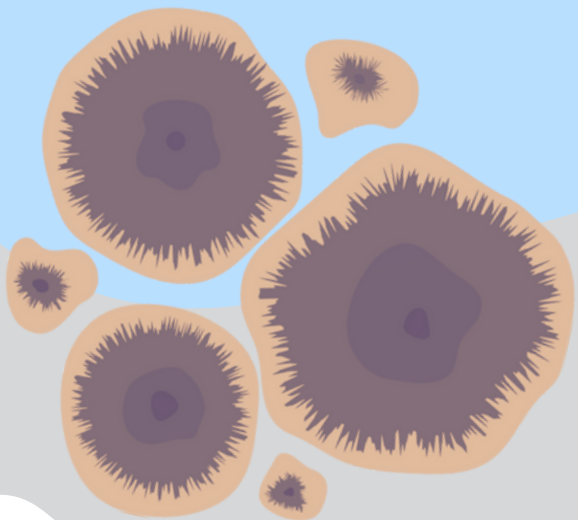
ICE ENCASEMENT

- Ensure your lawn has good drainage and prevent water pooling in low-lying areas
- Understand that building a backyard ice rink can severely damage your lawn
- Reseed in early spring if bare patches appear at snow melt



SNOW MOULD

- This disease develops under snow cover and can cause severe damage to your lawn
- Prevent this disease by reducing height of cut in the fall and avoid smothering by fallen leaves and grass clippings
- Gently rake in the spring to increase airflow in the grass canopy if snow mould appears



FROST DAMAGE

- Avoid walking on frosty or snow-covered grass as much as possible
- Snow acts as a layer of insulation against cold air, so avoid removing snow from the lawn if possible
- Mark the edges of your lawn with stakes to avoid shovelling/plowing over the grass
- At the end of winter, break up the snowbanks and spread the snow over the grass to ensure even melting
- Be gentle with the lawn in early spring by avoiding heavy traffic and vigorous raking



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