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Calls from home gardeners this week to the UM Horticulture Clinic indicate overwhelming interest in:

Power Raking (0:35)

University of Minnesota horticulturists say thatch layers more than a half-inch-thick in the lawn should be removed with a power rake. Gradual de-thatching during the spring and fall may avoid having to re-establish the lawn.

After power raking or aerification, overseed with adapted grasses at half the recommended rate where desirable grasses are present and at the full rate in bare areas.

Cut out a pie-shaped section of the lawn--three or four inches deep--to determine the thatch layer thickness.

Crabgrass (0:25)

Crabgrass weed control should be done before the weeds appear in the spring. Good pre-emergence control chemicals include Dacthal, Tupersan, Betasan and Balan.

Apply the chemical in early May after cleaning up the lawn. Except for Tupersan, you cannot seed grass during the season you use these chemicals. Sand burs can be controlled to some extent with these crabgrass killers.



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