



Dethatching grass

In order to optimally enjoy a nicely level green grass lawn, dethatching the grass is vital. The dead material, such as leaves and grass waste allows for fungi to develop. A type of felt layer will form on the grass which does not allow water, light and air to permeate it much. As a result, the grass remains moist and acidic, which encourages moss growth. In order to prevent this, the waste must be 'combed out', or dethatched. This allows you to keep your lawn healthy and clean.

How to dethatch?

There are two ways of dethatching your grass: manually or by machine. The surface of the grass is of vital importance in the choice between manual or machine dethatching.

Manually dethatching grass

Manually dethatching grass is done by means of a dethatching rake. Note: manually dethatching your lawn is a labour-intensive activity. The dethatching rake is more suitable for smaller surfaces of grass and it is not advised to use it for a large area of grass!

Dethatching grass with a dethatching machine

If you have a large amount of grass to dethatch, then it is wise to use a dethatching machine. It is quite hard work to do this by hand. Compared to the dethatching rake, a dethatching machine requires less effort. Moreover, a dethatching machine is ideal for the efficient removal of waste from the grass.

When to dethatch grass

For optimal enjoyment of your grass, it must definitely be dethatched once, but preferably twice, a year. Dethatching grass must be done during autumn, so your grass will go into winter clean. You can repeat the process again in spring as soon as there is no night frost any more. This gives the grass more oxygen and will allow it to absorb more nutrients. You can then also replace any empty patches in the lawn with new patches of grass.

