

# Here is my recommended shopping list

## (for your lawn care season)

### The basics:

- Knapsack sprayer: <https://amzn.to/3HKJSvd>
- Fertilizer: <https://amzn.to/3tFjBJU>
- Weedkiller: <https://amzn.to/3sHaKI9>
- Hand spreader: <https://amzn.to/3tAUKGO>
- Leaf rake: <https://amzn.to/3q2ZDI3>
- Springbok rake: <https://amzn.to/36VRYnU>

### Additional items as you develop your routine:

- Scarifying rake - <https://amzn.to/3CqpvCA> and handle: <https://amzn.to/35rFV1z>
  - Leaf grabbers - <https://ebay.us/y42cGg>
  - Scarifier - <https://amzn.to/3CfQfpj> (again you can choose from a huge variety based on budget – screwfix also sell one cheap.)
  - Aerator – manual <https://amzn.to/3HMWJNB> (premium manual: <https://amzn.to/3IM01Sk>) – or for powered machines you are looking at several thousand pounds such as camon aerators.. you can look on eBay (<https://ebay.us/i7CLaH>) for second hand machines.
  - Seaweed - <https://amzn.to/35xltMA> (Multi Mite is the brand currently using)
  - Grass seed - <https://amzn.to/3IS9TKn> (choose a “general amenity” suitable for most lawns)
  - Turfsolv (not my product but we do sell it) <https://lawnright.co.uk/product/turfsolv/>
  - Emerald Green (my own product) <https://lawnright.co.uk/emerald-green/>
- 

### ***Thanks for downloading this shopping list guide.***

I've been asked so many times over the last few years which products I use, I decided to put it all down “on paper”.

The products and tools I use in my real offline business are professional and often cannot be purchased by the homeowner. You usually require certification and qualifications to purchase these. I also never disclose the products I use in my business, as I wish to keep those details private to protect my business interests from competitors.

**So I put this shopping list together of things YOU can use on your lawn.** I am also using these on my own lawn from now on so you will be able to see how I use them, quantities and tips and advice. This way we get to do this lawn care stuff together. You need to make sure you are

subscribed to my channel on Youtube “LawnRight” here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/lawnright>

So, you really can improve your lawn while spending very little. Budget doesn't need to be an issue if you want a nicer Greener lawn.

**At the cheap end of the scale, just make sure you have a decent mower with sharp blades.**

Mow this regular (2 to 3 times a week), and just take the tops off the grass blades. Aim for a high cut (no shorter than 1.5 inches) and this alone will give you a nicer Greener thicker lawn.

**So let's move on to my recommended shopping list for the lawn care season.**

All of these BUILD UPON the basic premise of mowing regular and not too short. (If you have specific grass types, for example a bent/fescue grass mix, those can be mowed extremely short like golf courses, but you need to keep up with the mowing more frequently to enjoy the short mowed look).

## ***Budget needs:***

### **Knapsack sprayer**



You can of course choose any you wish, even hand help pump sprayers. I'm simply showing a 20 litre knapsack here with excellent reviews. The price is fantastic.

This is an Oregon Knapsack priced just under £40

<https://amzn.to/3HKJSvd>

(The knapsacks I use in my business professionally are “Cooper Peglar CP3 Classic” knapsacks around £150 to £190 (<https://amzn.to/3pGw26U>) but these are built for daily use, thousands of hours a year).

Both the above are 20 litre knapsacks. That is what I've used over the last 20+ years of looking after lawns. You can choose different sizes, for example 10 litre or 15 litre but you will need to adjust the ratios yourself when it comes to applying and making up correct mixture rates.

A Knapsack sprayer (one you wear on your back) will help you apply products more uniformly and evenly. They do take a bit of getting used to, but once you have learned this you will never go back.

## Fertilizer/weedkiller

Fertilizer provides food/nutrients that help the grass stay strong and Green. This can be applied usually monthly, or every 2 months or more depending on which type you choose.

Weedkiller will kill weeds. These shouldn't be used too much. In fact some do state to only be used a maximum of 3 times a year.

You can choose a specific type of fertilizer for each season if you want, or simply go for a balanced fertilizer which can be used most of the year. You should look at the NPK values on the fertilizer and go for one where the values are similar (this is a balanced fertilizer).

For ease of understanding, if you wanted to be more seasonal you can choose one with higher N values for Spring.. and then go balanced in Summer.. and then go for one that is higher in K values towards Autumn (for root development).

There are polymer coated granular fertilizers (often called slow release, or no-scorch) that can last 2 months or so, and then there are traditional granular fertilizers. There are liquid fertilizers that get to work MUCH faster but only last a couple of weeks or so, but in general I simply go for normal granular fertilizer.

Traditionally I would buy up to 50 bags of 20kg bags for my business which would last me about 4 weeks treating my customers, however for this guide I am focused on what you need, and what I will be using.

What you use is entirely your choice. I may vary my choices from time to time. For example I may choose a spring fertilizer, and sometimes I may choose a balanced fertilizer. Ultimately if you go for the balanced one you can use it much of the growing season. Choosing spring specific, or autumn specific is better but not “life changing” essential!

So for this shopping list I've chosen A1 Spring/Summer fertilizer (<https://amzn.to/3tFjBJU>). **For no specific reason other than choosing one.** I could happily have chosen Miracle grow (<https://amzn.to/3MuLL2z>) which is more for an instant fast Green up but the A1 is a little more balanced.



## Weedkiller.

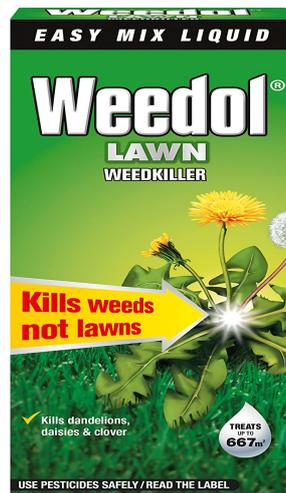
So it is important to note that there is not one weedkiller that effectively kills all weeds completely. The topic of weeds is quite big, so the best advice is to choose a typical broad spectrum weedkiller that will kill the most common lawn weeds. You should find most are killed with 1 or 2 applications.

For more difficult weeds you will need to seek out other control measures online.

NOTE: IMPORTANT! If you choose anything like Roundup you MUST make sure that it says "FOR LAWNS" on it...

Traditionally Roundup is a Glyphosate based formulation that kills "everything".. and I do mean everything.. this includes your lawns, bushes, shrubs, plants and of course (as with all weedkillers, aquatic life).

I am using Weedol on my own lawn (again this can change from time to time). You can buy weedol here: <https://amzn.to/3sHaKI9> This covers just over 600 square metres, so if your lawn is 50 square metres you'll be able to apply this 12 times (enough for a few years.. great value)



## Hand spreader

You will need some controlled method of applying fertilizer to the lawn to avoid burning it. I have only ever used Scotts hand spreaders and they seem to last a long time and do the job.

Here is the one that I use: <https://amzn.to/35SQEla>



It's simple to use.. and I typically have setting 3 or 4 on it as I apply fertilizer. 4 is a heavier application. If you are unsure go for setting 3 all the time. Basically if the lawn is in good health and Green setting 4 is ok.. but when it is under stress for example during hot weather Id go with a lighter application, perhaps 2 or 3.. (but making sure the lawn is kept watered 2 times a week deeply at those times!)

## Leaf rake

I can only recommend products I use continuously. I LOVE the bulldog brand. They last years, and this is in a professional capacity. This Bulldog leaf rake (here: <https://amzn.to/3q2ZDI3>) has a STRONG plastic raking head that is perfect for continuously raking piles and piles and piles of thatch, grass and leaves. To me it is an invaluable tool. I have used other brands but the plastic heads are made from thinner plastic and bend and snap easy. Bulldog make stronger tools.



## Springbok rake

Again I am going to recommend the Bulldog brand for their strength. My current Bulldog Springbok rake was purchased in 2016 and so is 6+ years old and still going strong. You can buy this here: <https://amzn.to/36VRYnU> - perfect for scarifying smaller lawns, or hard to reach areas such as corners or along edges of a lawn where scarifiers cannot reach.



## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BUY AS YOU GROW YOUR SKILLS AND NEEDS**

### **Scarifying rake**

A few years back I came across a brand called Wolf Garten. I was surprised to see they offer a 10 year warranty on their products. I looked at reviews, and I I discussed the brand in Facebook lawn care groups. Seems their tools are pretty darned good! I went in and purchased their scarifying rake, and the handle (you do ned to buy them separately).

Scarifying rake - <https://amzn.to/3CqpVCA> and handle: <https://amzn.to/35rFV1z>

This gives a quicker more advanced and faster way to scarify by hand.. Again.. its qicker than a springbok rake, but really only suitable for smaller lawns. If you have plenty of time on your hands then choose these and work your lawn in sections over a few days. Slowly rocking back and forth to thin out the thatch layer.



### **Leaf grabbers**

There are numerous leaf grabbers available out there. The ones I use are heavy duty ones here: <https://ebay.us/y42cGg> – if you go for cheaper similar ones they will work for a while but be aware because they are thin metal, you tend to find the metal parts bend eventually and it goes out of shape.



## Aerator

So this is in it's basic form putting holes into the ground. You can start out with a simple garden fork and push down deeply all over the lawn every 3 to 6 inches. After all this is what our grandparents used to do and it worked out ok for them! Moving up the scale, you can opt for a hollow tine aerator (the garden fork has solid metal “forks”, whereas a hollow tine aerator has hollow “metal pieces” that push in, and pull out a core of soil. This helps relieve lawn compaction and improve drainage.

You can start out with a simple manual hollow tine aerator (many of the cheap ones are **awful** and clog up all the time), or you can purchase a powered machine.

Here is a manual corer: <https://amzn.to/3HMWJNB> (make sure you choose CORING AERATOR) – watch this innovative video on this here: <https://images-eu.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/F1Fcy7AeXeL.mp4>



Then you can up the cost and quality a bit further for a swardman manual aerator here: premium manual: <https://amzn.to/3IM01Sk>



If you want a powered machine, expect to pay over £2000 – however you often find second hand machines on ebay (<https://ebay.us/i7CLaH>) - I actually got mine 2<sup>nd</sup> hand for £500 several years ago! Which was a bargain!

## Scarifier

There is no limit to what you can buy. A typical one here (<https://amzn.to/3CfQfpj>) will do the job. There are cheaper ones at Screwfix.. other mid-range ones like the Stihl RL540 (what I use), and you can go super professional Camon scarifiers and spend several thousand pounds.



## Seaweed

<https://amzn.to/35xltMA> (Multi Mite is the brand currently using). You can choose any brand you wish, but this brand seems like it offers good value for the size and cost.



## Grass Seed

Choose any grass seed you wish. (<https://amzn.to/3IS9TKn>) (choose a “general amenity” suitable for most lawns). If you want a nicer ornamental lawn choose something with a fescue and bent mix. Dwarf rye grass mixes produce a nice lawn.. or simply choose something for shade or hard wearing.



## Turfsolv

Turfsolv (available here: <https://lawnright.co.uk/product/turfsolv/>) is not my product, however it is a completely organic product that helps the plant strength, helps it fight diseases and sometimes grubs. Sadly most chemical approaches are now banned or less effective (weaker solutions), so we only have organic control methods to deal with them, and they aren't always completely successful.



## Emerald Green

Emerald Green is my own formulation. I'm very excited by it! I actually developed this over about 3 years. I knew certain products did certain things and I trialled mixing some of these products together, and later on added in a handful of other products. What developed was a mix that really helped lawns out, helped them stay strong. In Hot conditions, if your lawn is dry and stressed, apply Emerald Green (<https://lawnright.co.uk/emerald-green/>) and be sure to water regularly and within 2 to 3 weeks your lawn will usually be almost fully recovered. In Winter and cooler times, Emerald Green helps nourish the plant and works in harmony with other products helping them to perform to their best ability.

Thanks for downloading this free guide. I look forward to serving you with advice and tips at my youtube channel :) - <https://www.youtube.com/c/lawnright>