



TREATMENTS FOR MOSS

Some gardeners use sulphate of iron, which is the main ingredient of Lawn Sand, or a proprietary moss killer based on chemicals such as Dichlorophen. Whatever is used, always follow the manufacturer's application rates to avoid damaging the grass.

Conventional herbicides have very little effect against moss. The best way to eradicate existing colonies is to dress the area with Lawn Sand, one or more moss killers and a fertiliser to boost growth.

Evenly spread Lawn Sand at the recommended rate during a dry spell in mid spring, either carefully by hand or with a spreader. Wait a week or so for the chemicals to act, then use a wire rake or mechanic lawn rake to scratch out the burnt moss for disposal.

Brush up small fragments with a broom or go over the area with a rotary mower.

Lawn Top Dressing

- for lawns on heavy soil : 1 part peat, 2 parts sieved loam, 4 parts sand
- for lawns on loamy soil : 1 part peat, 4 parts loam, 2 parts sand

If your lawn is a bit thin when applying the top dressing, add some handfuls of grass seed to the top dressing mixture. Only apply this in spring or early autumn when seed will germinate.