

## Moss and Weed Removal (May to August)

### May: The Heavy Lifting (Kill & Clear)

This is the most critical month. The soil is warm enough for seeds to germinate, but not yet so hot that the grass is under heat stress.

- **Early May (Now): Apply "3-in-1" Weed, Feed, and Moss Killer.**
  - **Action:** Apply a granular (weed and feed) treatment. This will start killing weeds and turn the moss black.
  - **Note:** Do not mow for 4 days before or 5 days after application.
- **Mid-May: Scarify (Rake out the dead stuff).**
  - **Action:** 10–14 days after your treatment, the moss should be dead (black). Use a spring-tine rake or a powered scarifier to pull it all out. Your lawn will look "scalped" and messy—this is normal.
- **Late May: Overseed and Top-Dress.**
  - **Action:** Scatter fresh lawn seed over the bare patches left by the moss. Cover with a thin layer of topsoil or compost (top-dressing) to protect the seeds from birds and keep them moist.
  - **Watering:** If it's not raining, water the new seed lightly every day for 2 weeks.

### June: The Recovery (Mow & Monitor)

Your main goal in June is to let the new grass establish its roots before the summer heat hits.

- **Early June: First Cut for New Grass.**
  - **Action:** Once the new grass reaches about **5–8cm**, give it its first trim. Set your mower blades to a **high setting**.
- **Mid-to-Late June: Spot Treatment.**
  - **Action:** Some stubborn weeds (like dandelions or clover) might have survived the May treatment. Pull them by hand or use a "ready-to-use" spot spray to avoid hitting the young, new grass.
- **Routine:** Increase mowing frequency to once a week but keep the blades high (~5cm) to shade the soil and retain moisture.

### July: The Survival Phase (Heat Management)

Growth slows down in July as temperatures rise. The focus shifts from "fixing" to "protecting."

- **Early July: Summer Feeding (Optional).**
  - **Action:** If the lawn looks pale, apply a **liquid** summer fertiliser. Avoid granular "weed & feed" now, as it can burn the grass in the heat.
- **Throughout July: Watering & Mowing.**

- **Action:** During dry spells, water **deeply and infrequently** (early morning is best).
- **Mowing Tip:** Keep the grass long. If a heatwave hits, stop mowing entirely. Long grass protects the roots from being "cooked" by the sun.

## August: The Maintenance Phase

August is often the hottest month, meaning the lawn might go dormant (turn brown).

- **Early August: Pest Watch.**
  - **Action:** Keep an eye out for brown patches that don't recover with water—this could be **Leatherjackets** or **Chafer Grubs**. Treat with organic pest control (nematodes) if needed.
- **Late August: Prep for Autumn.**
  - **Action:** As the heat begins to break, you can start planning your final weed-kill session for September.
  - **Edge it:** Use an edging iron to tidy up the borders. This is a small task that makes a messy lawn look instantly professional.

## Summary Task List

Month	Primary Focus	Key Warning
May	Kill moss/weeds & Overseed	Don't forget to water the new seed!
June	High mowing & Spot weeding	Keep mower blades high (5cm+).
July	Watering & Heat protection	Don't fertilize if the ground is parched.
August	Pest checks & Tidying	If the grass is brown, leave it alone.