



**BATTERSBY**  
SPORTS GROUND SUPPLIES

# BOWLS

## Ground Preparation 12 Month Calendar

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# ABOUT BATTERSBY

Our history is in your roots.



BATTERSBY as a brand has been trading for over 180 years.

Supplying Sports Grounds from Gardens, Amateur Grassroots to Iconic International venues throughout England and the UK with high quality grass seeds amongst other products such as loam, fertilisers and treatments suitable for sports such as Cricket, Golf, Football and many more.

We believe our history really is in your roots and we aim to work closely with our customers ensuring long lasting relationships. With a clear focus on innovation with traditional touch, our knowledge and the technology we now embrace is built on decades of industry experience and with our in-house specialists and exclusive manufacturer relationships, the whole process is tailored to provide you with the best possible customer service experience.

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# OUR SERVICES

## Seed & Fertiliser

Providing high quality seed and fertilisers used from grassroots and private gardens to iconic international venues.



## Loam & Top Dressing

Supplying sand, root zone and top dressing mixes for sport, leisure and private gardens.



## Ground Services

Providing highly dependable ground maintenance services for sport & leisure clubs.



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## Pitch renovation & preparation

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## FERTILISERS USED & RECOMMENDED

Due to the seasonality involved with many sports, our main playing facilities can often be over looked and only tended to 6-7 months of the year.

All fertilisers used and recommended are available here with us at Battersby Sports Ground Supplies.\*

\*Our guide is a recommendation only. Application or mis-use of products is the individuals responsibility. Battersby take no responsibility for actions taken as a result of using this guide. If in doubt, consult Battersby prior to application.



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We're competitive on and off the playing area and that includes online too! You can create an account, shop online and receive offers direct to your email inbox all at [www.sports-grounds.com](http://www.sports-grounds.com).

If you're looking for advice or prefer to shop by phone, you can talk to our trusted and knowledgeable team by calling **01706 360 572**.

# TREATMENT CALENDAR

## END OF SEASON RENOVATION

### STEP 1 - AUTUMN / WINTER

After a long Summer the season is finally at an end – it is time to renovate your bowls lawn.

Many clubs will complete a renovation of some description, but this is always dependant on budget.

A typical renovation will see the following steps;

- Scarification of the surface and removal of the arisings – this will help clean up the surface and help remove the build up of a thatch layer. Usually 1 or 2 passes are completed on the green.
- Either tining/hollow tining and collection of the cores. A pedestrianised machine will either punch holes into the ground, or help take circular cores of earth out of the ground. This process helps aid decompaction and will help the old and new material work together much more effectively, as well as creating a bed for the seed to sit and establish in.
- Over seeding– once the first two steps are completed, the green is overseeded. The seed will help new growth and to help areas that may have been worn down by the seasons play recover ready for the following year. Battersbys Greens seed mix, or All Greens Rye are very popular. The greens mix contains a mix of bent and fescue seeds, which are well suited to the close mowing required on a bowls lawn. The Greens is a popular choice with many clubs that have to complete their renovations much later in the season due to reduced temperatures.
- Top Dressing – Application of the Battersby 70/30 top dressing mix will help re-establish the levels on your bowling green. As a guide, the recommended rate is approx. 2kg per sq/m, so one 25kg bag will cover approximately 12.5sq/m. Therefore, 100 bags would cover a 1250sq/m bowling green.
- A Pre Seeder (7-7-7) can also be applied to help aid germination of the new seedlings quickly and help bring your tired bowls lawn back to life.
- Many clubs use an Autumn/Winter fertiliser, such as the 3-6-8+fe to help maintain a healthy lawn throughout the winter.



# TREATMENT CALENDAR

## POST RENOVATION & PRE-SEASON

### STEP 2 - SPRING / SUMMER

Maintenance on your bowls lawn is slightly more problematic when the season has started, as any remedial work is likely to affect the roll of the ball and therefore the playability of the surface.

Regular mowing to 4-8mm will take place, which can put the grass under stress, particularly if there is not much rain. Options for fertilising/maintaining the grass in a good, healthy condition include the application of a liquid feed, such as the 12-0-6+fe Liquid fertiliser or the 15-3-3, or indeed some Liquid Iron.

If you don't have the capability of spraying yet, then it is worth considering purchasing the Even-Spray Sprayer – these machines have a rechargeable battery so are ideal for your club.

We also offer a range of micro-fine granular fertilisers, such as the 8-0-0, which will settle into the surface neatly, without affecting the playability of the surface. This feed will help give your grass a nice green healthy kick, improving growth and appearance.

Our 8-0-6+fe+mg micro fine slow release fertiliser will steadily drip feed nutrients to the lawn over a number weeks, helping maintain the appearance of the bowling green if you are unable to keep tending to your green every few weeks.



## 1 END OF SEASON RENOVATION - AUTUMN / WINTER

- Scarify Green and remove the arisings
- Solid or Hollow tine the green, if hollow tining remove the cores
- Overseed the lawn to 35gm per sq/m – please click here for seed options
- Top dress using Battersby 70/30 mix
- Fertilise using a pre seed – 6-9-6 or 7-7-7
- Maintain nutrient levels throughout the winter with an autumn/winter feed – 3-6-8+fe

## 2 POST RENOVATION / PRE-SEASON

- Regular mowing to 4-8mm to maintain height of cut for play
- Ideally liquid feeding during the season, as this does not affect the roll of the ball
- However, we offer 8-0-0 and 8-0-6+fe Micro fine fertilisers which will have minimal impact on surface playability, whilst improving the health of the bowling green

### APPLICATION RATES

- Average Seeding/Fertiliser Rates – 35-50gm per sq/m
- 20kg bag – Covers 571 sq/m @ 35gm | Covers 400 sq/m @ 50gm
- 25kg bag – Covers 714 sq/m @ 35gm | Covers 500 sq/m @ 50gm

### TOP DRESSING RATES CALCULATOR

- Recommended application rate = 2kg per sq/m
- Each 25kg bag covers = 12.5sq/m
- To calculate no. of bags needed;
- Size of your green (eg 1,250 sq/m)/12.5 = No. of bags req (100)



# BOWLS SUMMARY





# CONTACT BATTERSBY

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with us and a member of our knowledgeable team will respond to your query.



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