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## Lawn & Garden

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## Fall is best for feeding

(NC)—Wait a minute. Isn't fall when lawns start to shut down? Why fertilize then? Fall conditions are great for lawns as this is the time when grass roots start to store nutrients for the winter. A fall feeding helps build strong roots and protects the lawn from winter stress, so you'll have a healthier lawn next year.

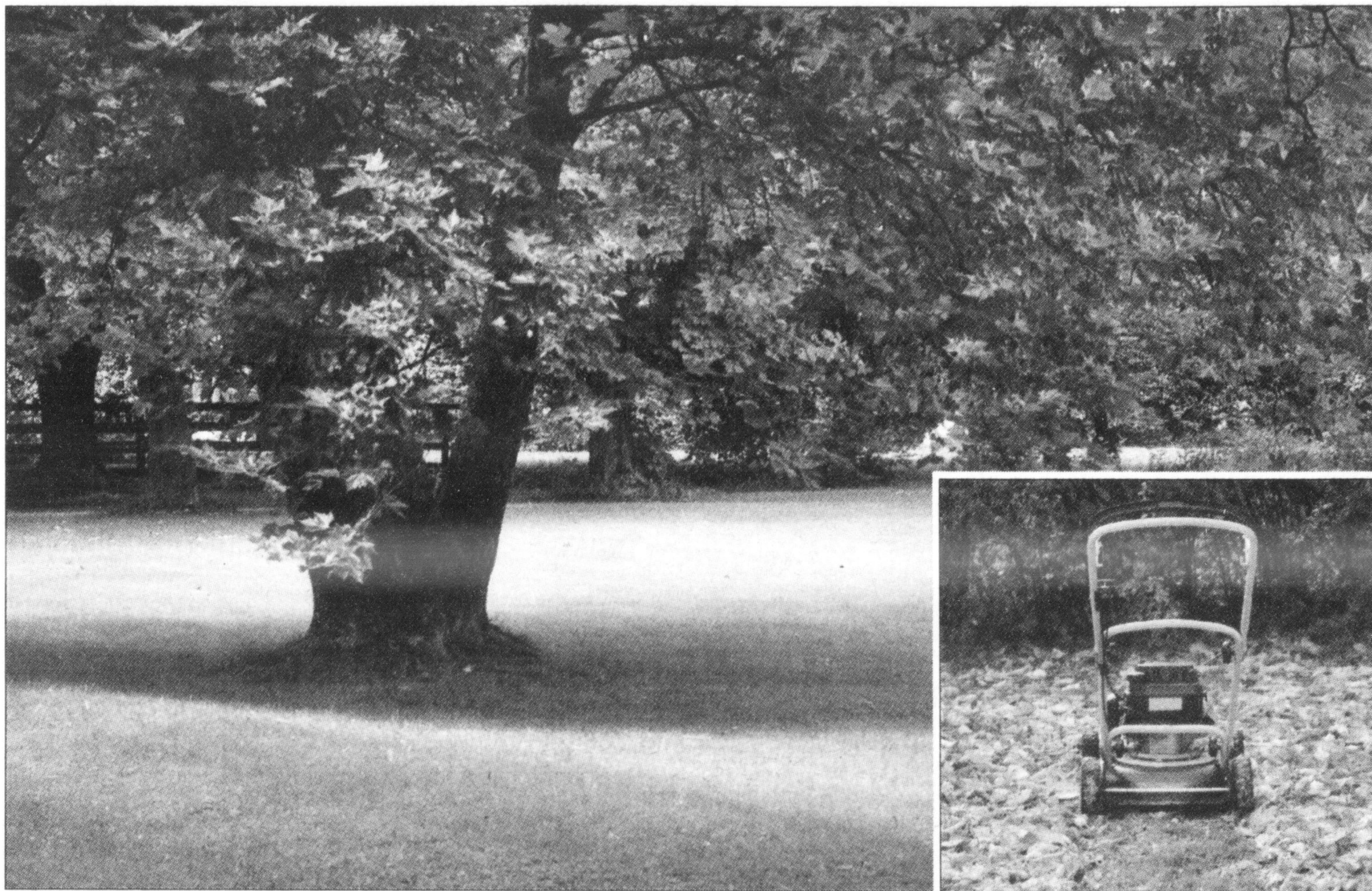
Your best bet is to feed once in early fall, around Labour Day, and once more about 6 to 8 weeks later, around Halloween. Scotts Turf Builder Wintercare lawn fertilizer is formulated to deliver the nutrients grass needs to get through the winter and come up strong the following year.

### ... and forget about raking and bagging.

A recent study done at Michigan State University shows that you can forget about raking, blowing, and bagging leaves. Instead, just mulch them with your lawn mower and feed your lawn with a nitrogen rich lawn fertilizer like Scotts Turf Builder WinterCare. It'll save you work, improve your soil, and add nutrients. Here's how to do it.

### Chop those Leaves with your Mower

Take the grass catcher off your



mower and mow over the leaves on your lawn. You want to reduce your leaf clutter to dime-size pieces. Once the leaf bits settle in, microbes and worms get to work recycling them. Any kind of rotary-action mower will do the job, and any kind of leaves can be chopped up. With several passes of your mower, you can mulch up to 18 inches of leaf clutter.

### Feed your Lawn to Speed Up the Process

Microbes do a better job recycling carbon from leaves when they have nitrogen. Scotts Turf Builder WinterCare

can help break down your mulched leaves faster. So your grass will grow better, and your microbes will work harder, when you feed your lawn after mulching those leaves.

### See Great Results in the Spring

When spring arrives, you'll notice something. The leaf litter you mulched up in the fall will have disappeared. Your rake will look dusty and neglected. And your grass will look greener than ever.

### Mulching: a Better Use of Resources

When you rake your leaves, it costs you. Your local taxes pay for trucks to



sweep up your leaves or pick up your leaf bags, which often end up in landfills. If you burn leaves, you're just sending up clouds of carbon into the atmosphere. Mulching leaves simply recycles a natural resource, giving you richer soil for free.

More information about healthy lawn maintenance can be found online at [www.scotts.ca](http://www.scotts.ca).

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