

LIMING

Lime shortage is very rarely a problem in the lawn. The only time you should consider liming is when there are unmistakable signs of lime deficiency. The grass will be thin and sparse, and the turf will be overrun by woodrush, sheep's sorrel and moss. An acidity test should be carried out – the pH will be below 5.5. If all of these signs are present apply limestone in autumn or winter – do not use ordinary garden lime. If the signs are not present – don't lime. As a general rule it is to increase and not decrease acidity. This is done by using lawn sand and incorporating peat in the autumn top dressing.

