

How to Level a Lawn Using Top Dressing – Step by Step

1 Identify uneven areas

Check your lawn and identify hollows and low spots where the top dressing will settle.



2 Apply top dressing

Spread a dry top dressing (a mix of sand and loam) evenly over the lawn, focusing on the low spots.



3 Work it in with a lawn lute

Use a lawn lute to gently work the top dressing into the grass. The material will drop down into the hollows and help to level the surface.



4 Water and let the lawn recover

Water the lawn lightly to help the top dressing settle into the surface and aid recovery. The grass will grow through the dressing. Repeat the process in spring and autumn over 12–18 months for best results.



Key tip: Don't smother the grass – ensure some blades of grass remain visible after top dressing so the lawn can recover and grow through.