

# Remove Moss

Moss is a kind of nonvascular spore-bearing plant with more than 12,000 varieties around the globe.

It's usually found in moist, shady locations and is characterised by its furry appearance.

## Use a white vinegar solution

White vinegar has proven its uses around the home, but it can also work wonders on your garden too.

Simply dilute equal parts white vinegar and water into a spray bottle and shake well and spray generously on the affected area.

Leave the solution to sit and check back the next day once the liquid has penetrated the green growth.

During this time, the once green moss should turn brown and feel a lot looser on your garden surface.

Use a clean trowel or large filing tool to work the moss away from the concrete, patio or driveway.

Spray the area frequently with the same spray to keep moss at bay throughout spring.

## Wash and scrub the surface

One of the simplest ways to remove moss is to physically peel it away from the surface by scrubbing the affected area.

Adding in a few drops of liquid detergent can help to kill stubborn live moss while removing it at the same time.

Use a large brush with stiff bristles and add a few drops of your chosen cleanser.

Scrub vigorously and rinse the area with a power washer or hose to clear the remnants from seams, cracks or other hard to reach areas.

## Spray your lawn

For moss growth on your lawn, it is important to use gentle ingredients to avoid further damage to your grass.

Mix together a few drops of mild dish soap into a full spray bottle of water. Head out onto your lawn during damp conditions and spray the affected area.

You should aim to do this early in spring before you lay fresh grass seed and during a dry spell when no further rain is forecast for at least 24 hours.

## How to prevent moss from growing in your garden

Once you've killed the moss, it's important to take preventative measures to stop it from returning to your garden.

There are two key factors to consider when preventing moss, including the pH level of your soil and the level of shade in your garden.

You can use bicarbonate of soda to balance the acidity of your soil if your lawn is prone to moss growth.

Mix together one tablespoon of bicarb with about a gallon of water and cover the affected area on your grass.

You can scale this up to deal with larger patches of moss. Just add more bicarb to the same quantity of water.

Repeat this two to three times a week to continue raising the pH level of your soil until it is inhospitable to moss growth.

The second thing to do is to cut back overhanging trees to allow more light to shine on mossy areas so it won't grow back.

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