

Caring for your newly planted grass seed after installation

We hope this care sheet provides the tools necessary to achieve success with your lawn. If you have any questions about watering, we are always happy to help and only a call away.

Care and Watering of Your Seedlings

Please keep in mind during this process, **lack of moisture will produce poor to no results.** This moisture must come from rainfall or watering. It is not likely that it will rain every day until maturity, please be sure to water frequently enough to keep the soil moist. Overwatering is just as bad as a lack of watering; puddling, mushrooms and mold are all possible signs of overwatering. Watering too late in the day can also cause the same issues. The turf should be watered early enough so that it is dry by sunset. Early morning watering, just before the sun rises, is the recommended time to water.

During the establishment phase, once-a-day watering is usually appropriate during March-April or from September-October. However, the weather conditions may require more or less water. On very hot summer days, three or more waterings a day may be required. Avoid puddling and washing, but water thoroughly.

The second phase of the watering program begins when the grass is about 1" tall. Reduce the frequency of watering to once or twice a week. In the very hot summer, three times a week is required. Also reduce or discontinue watering during wet and/or cool periods.

MOWING

A new turf should be mowed as soon as the grass blades are 3" high. Delaying the first cutting encourages weed growth, and allows long grass blades to bend over, causing a shabby appearance. Mowing plays a vital role in controlling the weeds, giving the grass the opportunity to “choke out the weeds”. Subsequent mowing should be done every week, and the blades of the lawnmower should always be kept sharp. Sharp blades prevent bruised and torn grass blades. Bruised or damaged grass invites grass disease and results in unsightly brown spots.

If the grass gets too tall before it is mowed, raise the mower. A good rule of thumb is to never cut off more than one-third of the grass blade.

DO NOT USE WEED KILLER ON A NEW LAWN.

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