

We Seeded Your Lawn Today

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Get your new lawn off to a good start...

Watering

The single most important requirement for germinating turfgrass seed is adequate moisture. Keeping the seeds damp - either by rainfall or irrigation - will encourage proper seed development.

The first watering can be done right away. It should moisten the soil to a depth of two to three inches... but gently. Be careful not to apply water with such force that it washes away soil or dislodges the seeds.

After initial watering, irrigate the newly seeded area lightly and frequently. Water two to three times a day until the grass begins to establish and mature. Then the intervals between watering can be lengthened and the amount applied increased. Watering at night is not recommended unless it's the only time you can do it. Better to water at night than none at all!

Falling Leaves

Leaves should be removed regularly once germination has started. Leaves will shade the new plants from the sun. If allowed to accumulate, they will suffocate the new lawn. It's best to remove leaves by blowing, but light raking is okay if the lawn is not wet.

How to care for a newly seeded lawn...

Prevent Traffic Damage

Activity on your newly seeded lawn can interfere with seed germination. During the two weeks following seeding limit the amount of activity on your lawn. Wear and tear from people walking, pets, and bikes can create ruts and holes that can ruin the terrain and cause drainage problems. Pampering your new lawn by keeping people and pets off for just a few weeks in the beginning helps ensure the quality and beauty you are looking to achieve.

Mowing

Your new lawn will be ready to mow when the new grass plants are higher than the height at which your lawn is normally maintained. If you plan to keep the lawn at 2 ½ inches, mow it for the first time when the new grass reaches 3 inches. When mowing, it's a good idea to follow the general rule of thumb of never removing more than one-third of the leaf blade at any one time. If the ground is too wet, wait to mow.

The most important requirement for proper mowing is a sharp blade. While you're waiting for germination, it's a great time to have your mower get an annual service. A dull mower blade rips and shreds the grass instead of cutting it. Seedlings can be torn from the soil by a dull blade. Mowing with a dull blade also makes the plants susceptible to other problems like brown leaf tips and disease/infection.

A Final Note:

A lawn is much like any other living thing; when properly nourished and cared for, it thrives. With adequate attention, your lawn will provide a beautiful environment for you and your home for many years. As the lawn matures, you should make sure it is properly fertilized and that weed and insect controls are applied when needed. Other maintenance practices like lime, fungicide, and tick control should also be considered.

If you have any questions about your newly seeded lawn, feel free to contact us

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