



SEEDED Lawn

CARE GUIDE

CARE OF YOUR NEW LAWN THE FIRST 6 WEEKS IS VITAL TO ITS LONG-TERM HEALTH.

The following are our recommendations for a successful lawn establishment.

Water your new seed every day for 3-4 weeks. Watering is the key to a thicker, more weed-free lawn. It is best to water in the morning for 15-20 minutes. If grass seed does not receive enough water, it will not germinate but weed seeds that are present in your soil will. So, watering frequently will produce more grass and fewer weeds. After you have mowed your lawn once, start watering **LESS OFTEN**, but for **LONGER TIMES**. Drop back to every other day, for 20-30 minutes, then every third day. After 6-8 weeks, your seed should be well established and ready for long term care. Best practice at this point is to water only once or twice a week. Again, morning watering is best.

Here's a simple way to decide how long to water: Place a shallow pan on the lawn, and let sprinklers run until $\frac{1}{2}$ " – $\frac{3}{4}$ " of water has accumulated. How long did that take? Water that length of time once or twice a week. This will encourage healthier roots and discourage weed problems.

We recommend mowing your lawn at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "–3" high and even longer in hot, dry weather. Reduce mowing height to 2" in late fall. Leave the clippings—they return nourishment to the soil and do **NOT** add to thatch. Frequent, shallow watering is the most common cause of excessive thatch.

The fertilizer will not be needed for at least 6-8 weeks. All new lawns will have some weeds. Weed & Feed may be added after the lawn has been mowed 3-4 times, to eliminate the broadleaf weeds. Crabgrass preventer should **NOT** be added until the spring after installation. **PLEASE** follow the manufacturer's directions on whatever products you use. More is **NOT** better! Over fertilization can burn your lawn, and will add to thatch and disease problems.