



Hydro-Seeding Care Instructions

Step 1 – Watering the first 21 days

- ✓ Keep the lawn moist at all times by timely light sprinklings.
- ✓ As a general rule, set irrigation for 6am, 12pm and 4pm. (On hot, sunny days 3 watering cycles may not be enough).
- ✓ Allow the lawn to dry before sunset to avoid potential disease.
- ✓ Continue watering cycle daily until the seed has germinated. Generally within 21 days.
- ✓ If the seedlings dry out too much during this time, they will not grow successfully.
- ✓ In the first 3 weeks, don't worry about weed growth, this provides fertility in the soil and can be treated once the lawn is established.

Step 2 – Watering after the 21 days

- ✓ Watering is most effective if done in the morning or late afternoon.
- ✓ In the afternoon, some evaporation will occur during the day, but the cooling effect of the water on the grass plants is of greater benefit than any water that may be lost.
- ✓ Once the lawn is ESTABLISHED, it will require approximately one inch of water per week in the Spring and Fall and 2 inches of water in the heat of the summer.
- ✓ Try not to overwater during this time period. The soil should be firm and moist, not muddy or soft.
- ✓ Watch for dry spots or puddles which will show you areas that may need a little extra water, or a little less.

Step 3- Fertilizing

- ✓ When your hydro-seed was applied, it contained seed, mulch and a **starter fertilizer**.
- ✓ A starter fertilizer should be applied 4-5 weeks after seeding.
- ✓ Follow-up starter fertilizer applications should be made every 4-5 weeks throughout the first growing season.



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Step 4 – Mowing

- ✓ Mow as soon as the grass blades are 2.5" high.
- ✓ Mow at this height for the first 3-4 weeks, twice a week, if possible. (Low mowing allows the slower germinating varieties to get adequate sunlight to grow.)
- ✓ After the first 3-4 weeks, raise the mower a little each week until it is set at 3" – 3.5" high. (this is the optimum height for grass health and density)

Step 5 – Weed Control

- ✓ **THERE WILL BE WEEDS THAT GROW IN YOUR NEW LAWN.**
- ✓ **THIS IS NORMAL.**
- ✓ Weed seeds are in the soil, get blow in with the wind or spread by birds.
- ✓ **A healthy lawn is the best prevention against weeds. Proper watering, fertilizing and mowing will help grass out-compete the weeds.**
- ✓ In 4 to 5 mowings, your lawn will be able to tolerate a broadleaf herbicide.
- ✓ A consistent weed control program should be in place to keep weeds to minimum and not allow them to compete with your new lawn.