

# Pro Landscapers Care Guide to Your New Landscape.



## **Initial Care on Newly Seeded Lawns**

- Adequate moisture is the single most important component for a new lawn
- Lawns are not warrantied, so please contact us with any questions you may have in establishing your lawn.

For seed to germinate correctly, it must remain moist through the entire germination process. The seed should be watered gently with a sprinkling device. A newly seeded lawn should be watered frequently, or short durations. Do NOT over water seed. Pooling water and excessive runoff can delay germination or wash away soil and seed. Frequency and duration of water times must be adjusted depending on weather conditions. Temperature, wind, and rain will affect the amount of water required.

- Water new seed 3-4 times per day, long enough to keep the seed bed moist. DO NOT LET THE SEED BED DRY OUT. Once the seed starts to germinate (typically within 2-3 weeks) the watering schedule can be reduced to 2 times per day, with an increased duration.
- Heavy foot traffic, riding lawn mowers, pets and any other heavy items should be kept off the new lawn until it is established.

## Mowing

Mow your new lawn when it reaches a height you would typically mow it at. Be sure the lawn surface is dry upon mowing, so no tracks or ruts are created.

## Fertilization

The seed was fertilized upon installation. However, new seed requires additional fertilization. An application of starter fertilizer should be applied (per directions of the bag) 3-4 weeks after seeding has occurred. Once the lawn is established, it will benefit from a regular fertilization program.

## Weed Control

Weed growth is expected with a newly seeded lawn. Most new construction homes have topsoil brought in during construction, which may contain dormant weeds and seeds. Weeds will germinate alongside the seed. As weeds appear, mow them as you mow your new grass. After you have mowed your lawn THREE times, you can apply a 'spot spray' of broadleaf herbicide to the weeds. Do Not use Roundup.

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