



Care of a Newly Hydro Seeded Lawn

Care and Watering:

When your new lawn is installed, care is very important, particularly for the first month. Successful seed germination depends on a few days of special care. To assure proper germination, water regularly. We suggest two times a day in warm weather. Keeping the yard moist will maximize seed germination.

You may walk on the hydro seeded surface when watering. Try to walk only on areas that are dry, and try not to disturb the mulch mat.

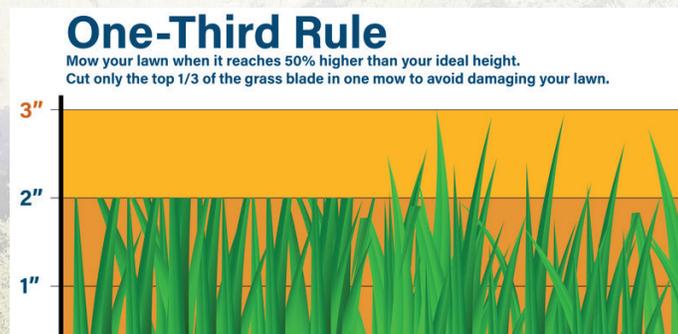
By watering regularly and keeping your new seedlings from drying out you ensure the beginnings of a lawn that will make your neighbors green with envy.

Mowing:

Mowing can begin once the new lawn is 3" tall in most areas. Mow stimulates growth and increases thickness. Set the mower high at first, then gradually lower. Try to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass at a time. One general rule for mowing is that the shorter you want to mow the more often you need to mow to maintain healthy grass.

Fertilizing:

One month after seeding, fertilize your new lawn using a high-nitrogen (first of the 3 numbers on the bag) fertilizer. The contractor who installed your lawn used a high phosphorus or "starter fertilizer" when hydroseeding your lawn. The phosphorus will stimulate root growth, and in the early stages it is important to get good root growth before you stimulate a vigorous top growth with nitrogen.



Spring Check List

1. Check your yard and driveway for washouts. If not maintained these will continue to get deeper and wider and more destructive with every additional rainfall.
2. Clean gutters if you have them.
3. Check for any place where water can pool around the house, this can cause foundations to leak and future problems.
4. Cracks in driveways that are caused from erosion and frost will need to be sealed when the weather warms up.
5. Lawn care needs to be considered. Lawns are like plants, if they are not properly cared for they will die.
6. Newly hydro-seeded lawns not yet germinated. It is always helpful to over seed to ensure a better grass coverage once the seed starts to germinate. The mixture has starter fertilizer in it so your over seeding will be helped to germinate.
7. Any plantings will have to be inspected and fed as well.
8. Keep traffic off newly seeded lawns.

