



WATERING GUIDELINES

— FOR NEWLY SEEDED LAWNS —

WEEKS 1+2 GUIDELINES

Keep your lawn wet for the first 2 weeks by watering each area daily. It should feel moist, and not dried out. Morning or afternoon is the best time to water. If necessary, evening watering is acceptable, until grass germinates.

MANUAL SPRINKLER

The sprinkler can stay in one place for up to 3 hours. Move it if you see runoff or puddles.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Start with 30 minutes per zone and run through each zone multiple times per day, as needed, to keep the lawn wet. If you see washout or puddles forming, decrease the amount of time per zone you are watering and increase the number of times you run through the zones.

NOTE: If your lawn is in full sun, or you have multiple large tree roots, you may need to increase your watering time.

WEEKS 3+4 GUIDELINES

Increase your watering time per area by 50%. Water every other day. It's best to water in the morning or afternoon, not the evening.

MANUAL SPRINKLER

Soak each zone every other day, for up to 4 hours. Relocate the sprinkler if water collects.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Water every other day, but double the amount of time per zone you are watering. Decrease time if you see runoff or big puddles forming.

WEEKS 5+ GUIDELINES

Water once per week, with 1 inch of water per day, to help develop deep roots and prepare your lawn for Winter. Water 60-120 minutes per area per day. Stop if there's regular rainfall.

— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS —

WHAT ABOUT THE STRAW?

If we used straw, it will organically decompose on its own. If we didn't use straw, we used a mixture that holds the seed in place, naturally decomposes, and improves the soil.

EXPLAIN THE CLIPPINGS?

One of our machines digs into the soil and brings "thatch" to the surface. The resulting clippings may look like they need raking. However, they actually hold moisture and help your new seeds germinate. If the appearance bothers you, mow the clippings with a mulching mower at 3 inches before watering.

WILL THE BIRDS EAT THE SEED?

We put down enough seed to account for the birds consuming a bit. Know that this will not negatively impact the seeding process.

WHEN DO I START MOWING?

You can start mowing immediately after our seeding to break up the clippings, just don't bag them. Wait 2-3 weeks, or until the grass is 3-4 inches tall, before mowing again. After that, mow as you normally would, gradually decreasing the grass height to 2.5 inches in the late Fall, as the weather cools and the grass stops growing.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

While seed germination time varies, you can expect to see some little sprouts in the first 3-4 weeks. Many seeds take longer. Some of the seeds won't germinate until next Spring. Keep using our guidelines to water and we will monitor your lawn.

LAWN CARE NEXT SEASON

Once next season rolls around, do not water more than once per week. If you water deeply and infrequently, weeds and undesirable grasses will have a difficult time competing with your hearty new grass. Continue to water in the morning or afternoon.