

Lawn Care Maintenance for New Lawns



Your new lawn is like a newborn baby—it needs food and water in order to grow and thrive. The following list will help you establish your newly seeded lawn into a healthy, plush plot of turf.

Between 30 and 45 days after a lawn is seeded, it is a good time to apply another application of starter fertilizer. An application of a starter fertilizer such as 18-12-6 or 12-22-10 will help feed your grass.

Water Your Lawn

Keeping your lawn moist is the most important element in establishing a newly seeded lawn.

- Do not over water because this will cause erosion and puddling
- Do not let 1/8" - 1/4" of the soil get dried out for any length of time. The bare soil will dry out quicker than mulched soil.
- Cracks in the lawn are a sign of not enough water
- Once grass is 1/2" to 3/4" in height, soak longer so the roots will go down into the soil

Maintenance of a New Lawn

Mow

- Once grass has reached a height of 2" - 3" to allow light to reach the slower germinating grasses
- Mower blades should be freshly sharpened every spring to prevent tearing and ripping new seedlings out of the ground by dull mower blades
- Only remove 1/4" of top growth (mow high, never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in a single mowing)
- Mowing short causes stress and dries out the lawn
- Do not leave clumps of grass clippings on lawn

Seed

- Touch up thin or missed spots with new seed

Fertilize - Please see our 4-Step Fertilization Program

- Once mowed, this is a good time to apply another application of starter fertilizer
- DO NOT use a Weed-N-Feed
- * Never apply crabgrass or broadleaf weed control products to newly seeded or reseeded areas until it has been mowed at least 3 times.

Water

- Follow above guidelines
- Patience
- A good, healthy lawn takes a year of maintenance