



Care and Watering of Your Hydroseeded Lawn

Watering Practices

During the establishment phase, once or twice a day watering is usually appropriate during April and May; however, the weather conditions may require more or less water. On hot summer days, three or four watering's per day will be required. Avoid puddling and washing but water thoroughly. **Keep mulch moist.**

The second phase of the watering program begins after the first mowing (usually in about 4 weeks). Reduce the frequency of watering to twice a week. In the hot summer months three times a week is required. Also reduce or discontinue watering during wet and/or cool periods.

Mowing

A new law should be mowed as soon as the grass blades are 3" to 4" high. Delaying the first cutting encourages weed growth and allows long grass blades to bend over, causing a shabby appearance. Mowing plays a vital role in controlling weeds, giving the grass the opportunity to "choke out the weeds". Subsequent mowing should be done every week and the blades of the mower should always be kept sharp. Sharp blades prevent bruised and torn grass blades. Bruised or damaged grass invites grass disease and results in unsightly brown spots.

If the grass gets too tall before it is mowed, raise the mower. Mowing young, tall grass too short can kill the grass. A good rule of thumb is to never mow off more than one-third of the grass blades during any one cutting.

Initial Fertilizing Program

The new grass will need a strong application of balanced fertilizer in approximately 4 weeks and again 4 weeks later. Apply fertilizer on the lawn area when it is dry and then water it thoroughly. Use a standard balanced fertilizer available at almost any lawn supply store. Examples include the following: 10-10-10 13-13-13 10-20-10 12-12-12 14-14-14 12-24-12 Apply at rates recommended on the bag. And be sure to water thoroughly immediately after applying the fertilizer.

DO NOT USE WEED KILLER ON A NEW LAWN!!!