

## Care of Overseeded Lawns

The first few weeks after your lawn is seeded are critical to the new seeds' survival. Please follow the instructions below to ensure the best establishment of your grass. You may need to invest in a hose, timer and sprinkler to help during this period of establishment, as well as throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.

- 1) It is important to keep the seed covering (peat moss) damp for the first two weeks. Early spring seeding (March and April) usually does not need daily watering. Nature provides spring rains that are sufficient for germination. Once seedlings have germinated, they should not be allowed to dry out. Water often, rather than deeply. Only the top inch of soil needs to be kept moist during the initial establishment period. In contrast, once established, grass should be watered infrequently and deeply to encourage deep rooting. Deeply rooted grass plants withstand stress better.
- 2) Fertilizer was applied at the time of seeding, and will not be necessary for approximately two months. It is important to remember that new lawns need regular fertilization and broadleaf weed control after the new grass has matured a month or two. An established lawn should be fertilized each spring and fall for proper growth.
- 3) If new soil was added, you may experience some weed growth along with your new grass. Most of these weeds are annual seedlings and will be cut off with your first mowing, or crowded out as your lawn matures.

The peat moss covering we have applied will help in maintaining soil moisture and promote germination. Dry, windy days mean more frequent watering, cool wet periods need far less. It is important to check to see if the soil is moist. If it is dry, add water. Remember, too much water is as great a danger as too little. A little common sense and observant eyes, coupled with these instructions, will give your newly seeded lawn the care it needs to flourish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us immediately.