

Care of Newly Seeded Lawns

The first five weeks after your lawn is seeded is critical to the new seeds' survival. Plan to be available to care for the seeded area during this important time of establishment. You will need to follow the instructions below to ensure the successful establishment of your lawn. 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 best if all traffic is kept off the newly seeded area until the first mowing, approximately 5 weeks.
- 2) It is important to keep the seed covering (peat moss) damp for the first two weeks. You can expect seed germination and visible growth in approximately two weeks. Once the seedlings have germinated, they should not be allowed to dry out. Water often, rather than deeply. Only the top one inch of soil needs to be kept moist during the establishment period. Avoid creating puddles in the soil. Once grass is well established, it should be watered infrequently and deeply. Deeply rooted grass will withstand stressful environments better.
- 3) Five weeks after successful germination, the grass should be ready to mow. This is weather-dependent; warmer weather will encourage more rapid germination and growth.
- 4) The grass can withstand high traffic approximately six weeks after seeding. In general terms, this is after it has been mowed twice.
- 5) Herbicidal weed killers may be applied after the second mowing.
- 6) Fertilizer was applied at the time of seeding, and will not be necessary for approximately two months. After this period, it is important to remember that all new lawns will need regular fertilization and broad-leaf weed control. Lawns should be fertilized each spring and fall for proper growth.
- 7) If new topsoil was added, you may experience some weed growth along with your new grass. Most of these weeds are annuals and will be cut off with your first mowing, or crowded out as your lawn matures.
- 8) 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 don't hesitate to contact us immediately.

Nature's Perspective is proud to offer one of the best warranties in the business. We guarantee seeded/sodded lawns, trees, evergreens, shrubs, perennials, roses & groundcover.

Our Seeded Lawn Warranty Summarized*

Seeded Lawns: We warranty a reasonable stand of grass over 90% of the seeded area within 60 days of the date of the installation.

We will re-seed one time, without charge, any lawn planted by us that fails to meet this standard. If re-seeding is necessary, this work will be performed as soon as the weather and season permits.

The above warranty is contingent upon the homeowner carrying out the above watering and care instructions as well as the following: **Pest Control:** Keep plants free of injurious insects and diseases by timely and proper application of pesticides.

Our warranty is void if:

- Payment is not made in full and within 30 days of the invoice date.
- Plants are damaged by man, animal, insects, mechanical damage, negligence, and acts of God.
- Plants not planted in the ground.
- Plants damaged by misuse of herbicides or pesticides by the homeowner or any of its agents.

*Please refer to our contract for complete details regarding our warranty.