

# WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR NEWLY SEEDED & OVERSEEDED LAWN



THE FIRST

# 5



## WEEKS

ARE **CRITICAL** TO THE  
NEW SEEDS' SURVIVAL

### STAY OFF THE GRASS

- STAY OFF NEWLY SEEDED AREA UNTIL THE FIRST MOWING (5 WEEKS)
- RESUME REGULAR ACTIVITY AFTER 6 WEEKS (AFTER LAWN HAS BEEN MOWED TWICE)

### WATER WATER WATER

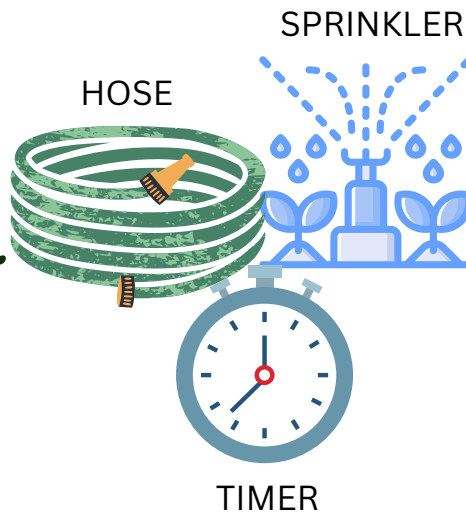
- KEEP SEED COVERING (PEAT MOSS) DAMP FOR **2 WEEKS**
- WATER OFTEN, RATHER THAN DEEPLY, MAKING SURE THE TOP 1" OF SOIL STAYS MOIST
- AVOID CREATING PUDDLES IN THE SOIL
- ONCE ESTABLISHED, WATER INFREQUENTLY AND DEEPLY

### READY. SET. MOW

- 5 WEEKS\* AFTER SUCCESSFUL GERMINATION, THE GRASS IS READY TO MOW  
\*WEATHERH DEPENDENT
- IF NEW TOPSOIL WAS ADDED, YOU MAY EXPERIENCE WEEDS WHICH WILL BE CUT OFF IN YOUR FIRST MOWING
- HERBICIDAL WEED KILLERS MAY BE APPLIED AFTER SECOND MOWING



### INVEST IN



DRY & WINDY



WATER MORE

COOL & WET



WATER LESS

### FERTILIZER & CARE

- FERTILIZER WAS APPLIED AT TIME OF SEEDING & IS NOT NEEDED FOR **2 MONTHS**
- ALL NEW LAWNS WILL NEED REGULAR FERTILIZATION & BROADLEAF WEED CONTROL
- FOR PROPER GROWTH APPLY FERTILIZER EACH SPRING & FALL



### OVERSEEDED LAWN



AN OVERSEEDED LAWN NEEDS SIMILAR CARE TO A NEWLY SEEDED LAWN **HOWEVER...**

- EARLY SPRING SEEDING (MARCH & APRIL) USUALLY DOES NOT NEED DAILY WATERING DUE TO SPRING RAINS

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## FOR NEWLY SEEDED LAWN



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) **All traffic should be kept off the newly seeded area until the first mowing**, which is in approximately five 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 broadleaf 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.



# WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR AN OVERSEEDED LAWN



The first few weeks after your lawn is seeded are critical to the new seeds' survival. 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.

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