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Watering Instructions for Seeded and Sodded Lawns

Thank you for your confidence in using Showcase Group to improve your landscape. Watering of new grass seed or sod is the single most important factor in having successful germination and establishment for your new lawn.

Please follow these watering instructions or contact us for more information.

- Once the seed is watered, it must remain moist by rainfall, irrigation or hand watering. Watering should begin immediately following installation of sod, and within hours of initial seeding (*note: One gallon of water within the first hour of installation does as much good as six gallons of water three hours later.*). The soil should be moistened to a depth of 2 to 3 inches to help encourage the roots to grow. Deep watering promotes deep roots and deep roots help grass to stay healthy.
- Unless you have an in-ground irrigation system, gentle watering through a sprinkler is the best method. If you hand water, use a spray nozzle that is adjusted for a light mist. Hand watering takes a long time to penetrate to the 2 to 3 inch depth necessary for thorough watering. If you are going to hand water, be prepared to invest significant time in order to get proper watering depths.
- When using sprinklers, please move them periodically to better distribute the water in a consistent pattern and to avoid puddles. Sprinklers need to run for extended periods of time, as much as 2 to 3 hours to put out enough water to penetrate to a depth of 2 to 3 inches.
- Natural precipitation is normally not sufficient to meet the needs of newly planted grass during the first two months and should be supplemented with irrigation. Temperature also greatly affects new grass. During hot periods, lawns need more water. Look for wilting or drooping blades and increase watering.
- The best thing to do is test the soil to see if it is moist to the proper depth. Avoid over-watering and saturating the soil. The soil should be moist, not muddy or have standing water visibly present. Once grass is established, water less frequently unless the soil dries out. Always make sure that the soil is allowed to mildly dry between watering. You do not want dry soil, but you do not want the area oversaturated which can lead to other problems.

Other recommendations include:

- Stay off the newly seeded lawn (except for mowing) until it is established; about 2 months. For newly sodded areas, stay off lawn completely while area is being watered.
- The first mow should be completed when the grass reaches 3 ½ to 4 inches. Mow at a height of 3 inches or above.
- Always make sure to have sharp blades before mowing the new grass.
- Do not spray weeds for the first 6-8 weeks to ensure all grass has germinated.
- Fertilize after the 4th or 5th mowing.

Our intention in providing these guidelines is to help you have a successful lawn. Although we guarantee germination of the seed when you follow our watering instructions, we do not guarantee the success of the lawn. Please call our office as soon as you have a question, this will allow us to help with the success of your lawn.

Enjoy your new lawn!