



## **HOW TO CARE FOR SEEDED LAWNS**

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to provide care and maintenance of newly seeded lawns. Please follow the guidelines below. With proper care, a healthy lawn will emerge.

- Water frequently to keep the surface of the soil slightly wet at all times until grass is at least 2-inches tall.
- Water lightly in sloped areas to prevent erosion.
- Important note for customers with new trees/shrubs/perennials: New plant stock does not require as much watering as new grass seed. Be careful not to water so heavily and frequently that the new plants stay waterlogged. This is especially true for homeowners with an in-ground irrigation system. We've seen many plants drowned and killed by too much water.
- A blend of different grass seeds was used for your lawn. Some seeds require 21 days to germinate. It is important that the soil is watered and protected longer than this period of time.
- Each grass plant spreads so don't be alarmed if your lawn looks thin at first. Five grass plants (per square foot) are adequate.
- We cannot guarantee against washout due to heavy rain or over sprinkling. If it occurs, we can repair it at a cost. Homeowners can repair it themselves by filling any gullies with topsoil, re-seeding and treating as a new seeding.
- A four week period (minimum) needs to pass before placing a lawn mower on the new turf for the first time. The best way to determine mowing times is through grass height. In general, 3- or 4-inches in height means the turf is ready for mowing.
- The continued success of your lawn depends on regular cuttings, never shorter than 2-inches. It needs regular fertilizing, periodic weed killing and regular, heavy watering. Generally one thorough soaking every 2-3 weeks is adequate except in very hot, dry weather when additional watering will be necessary.
- It is not possible to prevent weeds from emerging in new lawns. Homeowners will need to apply a good brand of tripletonic-type fertilizer to the turf and kill weeds about 3 months after planting.