



## **HYDROSEED**

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## **HYDROSEED CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

Once your lawn has been hydroseeded, it will require consistent care, particularly for the first month. Please read the following instructions to turn the area into a beautiful green lawn!

### **WATERING:**

- ❖ Hydroseed should be watered 3 times per day for approximately 5-10 minutes per watering cycle. Keeping the yard moist will maximize seed germination.
- ❖ The ideal times are 4:00AM, 11:00AM, and 4:00PM. (Do not water after dark)
- ❖ Adjust the watering slightly for seasonal changes at your discretion, i.e. increase for the hot summer months or decrease for the cooler fall months.
- ❖ Adjust the amount of watering time according to the amount of water your soil will absorb without forming puddles!
- ❖ Keep the seed consistently damp & moist.
- ❖ After the first mowing (at 4-6 weeks) the lawn will need deeper, and less frequent watering.

Once the lawn is established, watering deeply at least 3 times a week during hot summer days will help the lawn develop a deeper root system. By watering regularly and keeping your new seedlings from drying out, you ensure the beginnings of a lawn that will make your neighbors green with envy. With proper watering, you will see germination start within 10-14 days, a lawn is ready for first mowing at about 4-6 weeks, and a fully established lawn in about 6-9 months.

### **MOWING:**

Mow the lawn when it reaches about 3 inches in height, and do not cut it shorter than 2 inches. As you mow your new lawn, the lawn will thicken, mature and become resilient. Keep the mower blades sharp and change the mowing directions

to keep the grass growing upright. Avoid scalping! You can use a mulching mower once the lawn is established.

### **FERTILIZING:**

Your newly hydro-seeded lawn contains enough fertilizer to feed the new lawn for the first 4-6 weeks. It will need to be fertilized no later than 6 weeks after installation and again 30 days later. Use a balanced maintenance fertilizer with the numbers close to 15-7-10. If you use organic fertilizer, it is not unusual to use lower number ratings as natural fertilizer provides easier transfer of nutrients to the plant. In the fall, use a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen. Follow instructions carefully on fertilizer package.

### **TRAFFIC:**

Keep as much traffic as possible off of the newly seeded areas for the first 6 weeks. At first, some areas will come in much better than others, this normal and typical with all hydroseed applications due to differing amounts of sun, shade, and water.

### **WEEDS:**

Do not apply any weed control to the lawn for the first 10-12 weeks. It is not uncommon for previous weed seeds to germinate with the new lawn but be patient for the new lawn to establish before applying a weed killer.

### **PESTS:**

To prevent disease and insects from invading the lawn area, keep a consistent watering, mowing, and fertilizing schedule. For advice on chemicals, pest control, and how to build a natural soil food web for the best lawn, contact your local County Extension Service.