



WATERING YOUR NEW LAWN

WATERING SODDED LAWNS

Depending on the weather, water your newly sodded lawn for up to **two weeks**.

After the sod has been established, we suggest watering your sod deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth and healthy turf.



DEEP: Make sure that you are distributing at least 1 inch of water over the entire yard. To accurately measure the amount of water being applied, place a water gauge within your sprinkler coverage area and water until the gauge reads 1 inch of water. We recommend monitoring several areas of your lawn to ensure that all of the turf is being watered evenly.



INFREQUENT: Wait until the turf is almost dry before watering again. The frequency of your watering will depend on temperature, wind and rain. Warmer weather will require more water than cooler weather, as turf dries more rapidly in high temperatures. Windy conditions also make turf dry out faster. Rain can supplement your watering, but make sure that the rain has added at least 1 inch of water to your gauge. If it hasn't, additional watering is needed.

When watering your lawn, check the ground moisture daily. To do this, we suggest digging up a small sample of dirt, around the size of a teaspoon, and press between your fingers. If the dirt breaks into pieces or turns into powder, your lawn needs water. If the dirt holds together, there is still enough moisture in the soil.

The time of watering is not as important as the water itself. If possible, water your lawn before sunrise rather than before sunset. If this is not accommodating to your schedule, then water at your convenience. It is better to water at the wrong time than to not water at all.



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WATERING SEEDED LAWNS

Watering seeded lawns is different than sodded lawns, as grass seed needs to be kept moist until it has germinated.

We suggest watering for **10 to 15 minutes** or until water begins to puddle on the top of the ground. Wait to water newly seeded lawns for the first two days, as you'll experience water run-off. If this happens, your watering efforts could wash away grass seed and starter fertilizer. Water at least two to three times per day for the first week or until the grass seed germinates. After your grass starts to grow, refer back to deep and infrequent watering.

MOWING

Do not cut your new grass until it has reached a height of 4 inches.

Never mow more than one-third of the grass blade.

Maintain the cutting height of the turf around 3 inches. Cutting the grass too short makes the turf susceptible to drought, disease and insects.

Ensure that your mower blades are sharpened regularly, as dull blades rip the grass apart.



TURF CARE TIPS

- Turf care treatments are not required but are certainly recommended in maintaining a beautiful and healthy lawn.
- Fertilization promotes a healthy lawn that will fight the stress of heat, drought and disease.
- The best weed control is a dense, healthy turf. A dense turf maintained around 3 inches will choke most weeds. If weeds are present, call Property Pros to get a quote for a treatment program.

