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Managing the Seeding Process

Now that your lawn has been seeded, here are some tips that should get your lawn off to a thick, healthy start. A little attention in the beginning goes a long way towards providing years of beauty and enjoyment.

Watering

The single most important requirement for germinating turf grass seed is adequate moisture.

Keeping the seed damp – either by rain or irrigation – is critical to proper seed development. With proper watering germination, seed should be readily evident in 3-4 weeks.

The first watering can be done right away. You should moisten the soil to a depth of ½” to 1”... but gently. Be careful not to apply the water so it puddles or with such force that it washes away soil or dislodges the seed.

After the initial watering, irrigate the newly seeded area lightly and frequently. Watering should be done two or three times a day, if possible, until the grass begins to germinate. As the new grass begins to mature, watering frequency should be reduced and the duration of each watering increased. Watering at night is not recommended.

Activity

Too much activity on your newly seeded lawn can interfere with seed germination. Please limit the amount of activity on your lawn for the first 3 - 4 weeks.

Mowing

Your new grass will be ready to mow when the grass plants are higher than the height at which you normally mow. In other words, if you plan to regularly cut the lawn at 3 ½”, mow it for the first time when it is about 4” tall. It’s a good idea to follow the rule of thumb of never removing more than ½ of the leaf blade at any one time. Also, don’t mow if the ground is too wet.

Keep in mind that the most important requirement for proper mowing is a sharp mower blade. A dull blade rips and shreds the grass instead of cutting it; new seedlings can actually be torn from the soil.

Warranty

Spring Touch will only reapply seed if proper watering has been done. To warranty your seed, we will need copies of your water bills for one month prior and two months after seeding has occurred. Without proper watering, the chance of your seed germinating and growing is greatly reduced.

A Final Note....

A lawn is much like any other living thing. When properly nourished and cared for, it thrives. With adequate attention, the lawn we seeded today will provide a beautiful environment for you and your home for many years.

If you have any questions about your newly seeded lawn, please do not hesitate to contact us at (507) 388-9100.