



Watering Instructions

Please water according to the regional by-law

Between May 31 and Sept 30, residents with new sod and/or seed **must obtain a sign from the Region by calling 575-4400.** This sign entitles watering any time for the first 24 hours after planting, watering during the time restrictions for each of the following six days and then watering during the time restrictions on alternate days from day 8 through day 14 after planting.

NEW SEEDING

- ♣ **Fertilizer is KEY!** We apply a starter fertilizer with all of our seeding jobs. Another application should be made about 6-8 weeks later (please call if you would like us to do this for you). The lawn will be much stronger & healthier if fertilized.
- ♣ Keep the seed bed moist until the seedlings have rooted deeply enough to survive without daily care (4-6 weeks). If there is no natural rainfall, give the seeded area a light sprinkler spray (mist-like is preferable), one to two times a day (approximately 10-15 minutes each). Think "lightly & frequently".
- ♣ Generally: 2-3 weeks 'daily', 2-3 weeks every other day, then every third day, more deeply, for 2-3 weeks.
- ♣ After the grass has begun to establish itself, water deeply (enough for soil to be moist 15 cm/6 inches down) every 5-7 days; this encourages deep root growth enabling the plants to better survive dry periods.
- ♣ Germination: you can expect to see a greenish hue (tiny sprouts) in about 2 weeks (if watered properly).
- ♣ Mowing: start to mow once the grass regularly once it is no longer than 3 inches or so (otherwise it will weaken, become limp & fall over).

WATERING CHART

Start Date:

End Date:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat

NEW SOD

- ♣ Water **immediately**, or if sodding a large area, water as you go. Water the sod until it's spongy this first time.
- ♣ Water every day for the first week in the morning until sod is good and wet, in order to keep sod moist until it is rooted. Water every other day for the next 10-14 days according to the Regional by-law. With sod, it is better to water heavily once a day instead of "lightly and frequently" as with seed.
- ♣ Avoid over-watering.
- ♣ Avoid traffic on the lawn for 2-3 weeks to ensure solid rooting. New sod is usually ready for mowing after about 1 week; as above, don't let it get much longer than 3 inches.
- ♣ Once the lawn is established, develop a regular routine of cutting, watering and fertilizing.

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