



New Seed Lawn Maintenance Instructions

Thank you for choosing Szczechowicz Landscape Services to install your new seed lawn. A seed lawn takes time to become luxurious. Plan for a couple seasons for the lawn to establish itself. Germination occurs 7-21 days after planting. To help your lawn get a healthy start we suggest the following tips:

Watering

- Because the grass seed needs to be close to the surface to grow it is important to have frequent light waterings, especially on hot, sunny days. For the first 3 weeks after planting, seed should be watered 3 times daily. Water should be applied for 10-15 minutes. *The lawn should be kept moist but not soaked to get maximum seed germination.*
- The best time to water is in the morning. Afternoons are also a good time to water, although more water will evaporate. Watering in the late evening should be avoided because the turf does not get an opportunity to dry.
- *Do not* overwater. Also, if you do not have an automatic irrigation system, it is important to not use a hose nozzle with a strong spray.
- After 3 to 4 weeks the lawn should be watered 1 time per day.

Foot traffic

- The seeded area should not be walked on for 3-4 weeks while the root system becomes established, unless it is necessary to move sprinklers. Wait ½ hour after sprinklers have been turned off before moving sprinklers, to prevent footprints in the new loam.

Mowing

- The first mowing should be made as soon as the lawn is at least 2 ½ inches long.
- For the first couple mowings, be sure to have the mower set high enough so the lawn is 2 ½ inches long and your mower blade should be sharp.
- After seed is fully established, follow your normal mowing routine, maintaining a length of 2 to 3 inches.

Fertilizing

- Fertilizing your lawn helps to prevent disease and promotes growth.
- Starter fertilizer should be applied one month after the time seeding.
- Regular fertilizer can be applied 8 weeks after planting.
- Depending upon the time of year, a fertilizer containing a crabicide can be applied.

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