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## **How To Care For Your Newly Hydro Seeded Lawn**

**Watering Practices** - Once the newly hydro seeded lawn has set for 24-36 hours, it's time for watering. Depending on temperatures, watering should take place in the morning, late afternoon or early evening hours. Keep your mulch bed moist, but don't over water. If you see ponding, stop watering. Once you start watering it is important to continue, especially when temperatures are in the 80's or higher. Lack of watering can cause the seed to dry up and expire. In the spring and fall, when temperatures are more favorable and we have cooler evenings, one good watering per day is usually all that is needed. Be careful not to over water during these periods. This can also cause seed damage. The easiest way to explain it is... Keep your mulch wet; don't let it dry out for periods longer than 24 hours!

**When to Mow** - Once your grass is approximately 2 to 2½ inches high, it is time for its first mowing. Make sure your mower blades are sharp. Dull blades can tear the new blade of grass. This can cause stress or disease resulting in death to the new plant. When mowing, make sure you never take more than ¼ inch off the new blade of grass, and don't collect the clippings! Let them biodegrade within the new turf. This helps feed the soil and plant while accelerating plant development.

**When to Fertilize** - The plant will use the fertilizer applied at installation in 4 weeks. At this time you'll need to fertilize once again. Depending on the time of year, fertilization requirements will vary. We recommend contacting us for proper fertilization specifications. Make sure you know the seed variety used for your lawn when buying fertilizer for re-application. Different varieties of grass need different types of fertilization!

**Remember** - Your new lawn is still in its infancy. Just because your lawn looks fully established, doesn't mean you can stop watering or change your mowing practices! It takes many months before your lawn is ready for the stress of hot summers, and cold winters. Choosing the right fertilizers, keeping your mower blades sharp, proper watering practices, and changing the heights of mowing throughout the year, should guarantee you a healthy and beautiful lawn!