

## Care of a newly Hydro-Seeded Lawn

### Care and Watering

However your new lawn is installed, care is very important particularly in the 4-6 weeks.

Successful seed germination depends on a few days of special care. To assure proper germination you **MUST** water regularly. We suggest two times per day in warm weather. Keeping the yard moist will maximize seed germination.

You may walk on the hydro-seeded surface when watering but try to walk only on areas that are dry while trying not to disturb the mulch mat.

By watering regularly and keeping your new seedlings from drying out, you ensure the beginnings of a lawn that will make your neighbors green with envy.

### Mowing

Mowing can begin once the new lawn is 3 inches tall in most areas. Mowing stimulates growth and increases thickness. Set the mower high at first, then gradually lower. Try to cut no more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the grass at a time.



One general rule for mowing is, the shorter you want to mow, the more often you need to mow to maintain healthy grass.

### Fertilizing

About one month after seeding, fertilize your new lawn using a high nitrogen (the first of 3 numbers on the bag) fertilizer. The contractor who installed your lawn used a high phosphorus or "starter fertilizer" when hydro-seeding. The phosphorus will stimulate root growth and in the early stages it is important to get good root growth before you stimulate a vigorous top growth with nitrogen.

### Continued Care

Talk to us, we have continued care programs for your lawn which include regular treatments of fertilizer, weed and/or insect control.