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New Hydroseed Care Sheet

Thank you very much for your business. My family and I truly appreciate you choosing our business for your hydroseeding needs. We have worked hard to source top quality materials, maintain the right equipment and practice the best application practices. We want you to succeed in your new lawn because your success is our success. We wish you the best of luck in maintaining your new lawn. Please reach out if you need help with anything.

-Sean

- ***These are only general recommendations. Each lawn has individual environmental variables.***
 - ***There is NO guarantee of germination, against rain washouts or other weather events.***
 - ***This care sheet will help you to germinate the seed. After germination, normal lawn care practices should be followed. For best results hire a fertilization expert to manage the lawn.***
 - ***Hydroseed contains grass seed which is perishable and may die if not watered properly.***
 - ***Before you call be sure you have read this entire care sheet. Most problems are related to lack of watering in sunny areas or sandy soils.***
- 1. Watering: this section is critical to review weekly during the germination process.**
- **DAY 1: After the lawn is first Hydroseeded, allow the mulch to dry before watering.** This allows the mulch mat to cure.
 - **DAY 2: Hydroseeded areas should be watered a minimum of twice per day.** in the morning and mid-afternoon and kept moist for 14 to 28 days to ensure optimum germination. Example times (9am & 1pm). The objective is to keep the seed moist in the warm sun to create the greenhouse effect as this will speed up germination. Slight drying between watering cycles will ensure you have not overwatered during cooler weather (early spring and late fall).
 - During warmer weather or full sun areas where evaporation occurs rapidly you could step up to watering 3 times per day. Examples times might be (8am, 11am & 2pm). If you notice grass germinating in shadier areas but not in the sunnier spots you will need more water in those sunny sections because you are likely losing moisture due to evaporation.
 - As the lawn matures (2-4 months depending on conditions) the goal is to reduce frequency of watering and increase length of watering cycle. Eventually you will transition to a deeper watering schedule 1-3 times per week for longer periods (possibly 20-40 min per section). Speak with a lawn care expert or search Google for more watering details.
 - ****In early Spring, late fall or in cooler weather** please note if the hydroseed is extremely soggy in certain areas between watering sessions. This may require shortening the watering periods of those areas. **DO NOT OVERWATER. NO puddles or run-off**, it can displace the seed
 - ****During humid weather**, extra care must be taken to not allow the seed to remain wet for extended periods as this can promote fungus (Pythium blight and damping off). This may require

cutting watering back to 1-2 times per day and allowing areas to completely dry out between watering. Completely dry before sunset is important.

- Skip watering on days with substantial rain. On rainy or overcast days you might not need to water at all as long as the seed is moist. Watering in the evening should be avoided to prevent lawn fungus.
- At least once per week check and be sure all areas are properly watered. Adjust as necessary.
- Mow grass when height reaches 3 inches with **sharp blades to avoid damage to the new grass.** Set mower to cut at 2.25 - 2.5 inches so as not to burn the new grass by cutting too close to the ground, especially in hot weather. Leave grass slightly longer for the first season to allow for root system to become established. Never mow more than 1/3 of the blade of grass.

2. Fertilizer and Weed Control

DATE OF SPRAY / / .

- ***** **PLEASE READ:** When your hydroseed is applied, it contains starter fertilizer to maintain the new lawn for approximately 3-5 weeks. Contact your lawn care professional and let them know when the lawn was sprayed and ask them to do a follow-up treatment (typically around 3-4 weeks). At this point it is their responsibility to maintain proper nutrition for the new grass. If they disagree with a feeding anytime between 3-5 weeks then you should consider doing it yourself or getting a second opinion. Follow-up fertilizer is based on time and nothing else according to every fertilization expert or golf course superintendent we have discussed this with.
- **Do it yourself, at the 3rd or 4th week, as a homeowner you could apply a starter fertilizer** Follow the directions on the bag for application rates. There is a starter Fertilizer with Mesotrione (Meso) for weed control that is safe on new grass. Scott's fertilizer has this available or visit our distributor Siteone Landscape Supplies (Pembroke, Wareham & Dedham). See attached sheet for examples of DIY fertilizer options.
- We do not recommend other weed control products until you have mowed at least 4 or 5 times.
- Every 4-6 weeks basic lawn food should be applied.
- After lawn is established follow a multi-step yearly fertilizer/weed control program or use a professional lawn care company.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I walk on the hydroseed?

- You may walk on hydroseeded surface when necessary for watering purposes but try to walk on areas that are dry. Do your best to not disturb the mulch mat. Smooth sole shoes are best. Limit traffic (especially dogs and kids) on the new lawn until you have mowed it a few times.

*****How long will it take to grow?*****

- The first blades of grass may appear within 14 days (Kentucky blue grass can take 21 or more days) after the hydroseed application. **Germination time will be directly affected by soil temperature, air temperature, moisture, and sunlight. If the ground temperature is lower than 56 degrees this will delay germination (Early Spring and late Fall).** Lack of consistent watering will also delay germination. It is typical to have a full lawn in approximately 8-12 weeks with good weather and proper care.

What if the hydroseed slurry splashes on my walkway, siding, or decking?

- When hydroseed is applied it often splashes due to the fact we are attempting to drive the seed into the soil. If the slurry splashes onto any object like walkways, siding, or decking we recommend you allow the slurry to dry (typically 3-4 hours) and then use a garden hose to rinse it away. Try to be careful not to apply too much water which could affect the hydroseed in that area. You can also use a broom or brush to remove the dried slurry without water.

It has been 16, 18 or 20 days with good sunshine and I do not see grass germinating?

- More than likely lack of consistent water. During extremely dry spells the ground might absorb the water more than usual so be aware if it has not rained in 10-12 days the soil is getting very dry. Is there seed germinating along the house or in shady sections? This would signal that the areas exposed to more sun need more water to get the germination process going.

What if the new lawn looks thin in some areas?

- Some areas will come in much better than others, this is normal and typical with all hydroseed applications due to differing amounts of sun, shade, water along with soil conditions. After 6-8 weeks if you notice thin areas we encourage you to scratch up the area to loosen the soil and hand seed those areas to help thicken the lawn. New lawn development is often a 2-year process. We encourage you to over-seed or slice seed every fall to thicken the lawn and reduce the available real estate for weeds to establish. You will need to mow 4-5 times before your lawn will look lush and full.

Should I remove leaves from my new lawn?

- Do not allow snow to cover leaves left on the lawn going into the first winter. The decaying leaves are acidic and will kill the new grass. Clean up the leaves as soon as possible.

The new grass came in great but the weather is humid and I am seeing brown spots what is this?

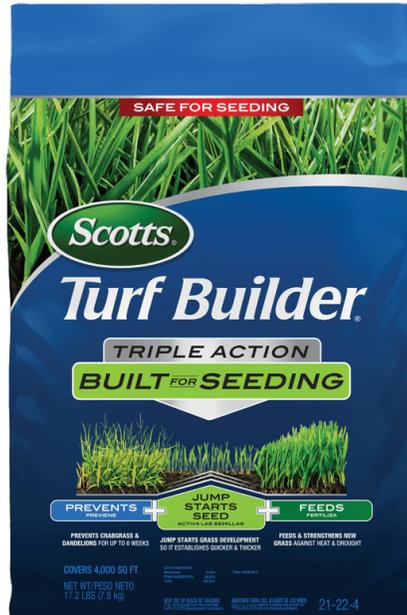
- Reduce watering immediately and contact a professional lawn fertilization company or search on Google for these symptoms. It is possible that you are seeing signs of a lawn fungus such as Pythium Blight. Often triggered during humid weather and new grass is especially vulnerable. This humidity/watering problem is also referred to as 'damping off'.

For the follow-up fertilizer at week 3-4 call your current fertilization expert or:

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Examples of starter fertilizers with Mesotrione from Siteone and Scotts:



Example of Scotts fungicide for prevention and control of fungus on new grass when humidity could be a problem:

