



BLARNEY HYDROSEEDING



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New Hydroseed Germination Care Sheet

First off, 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

Please keep in mind:

- *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 is perishable and may die if not watered properly. It will be necessary to keep the seed moist.*

1. Watering

- After the lawn is first Hydroseeded, allow the mulch to dry before watering. (Usually dry within 6-8 hours or by the next day.) This allows the mulch mat to cure.
- Hydroseeded areas should be watered twice daily, optimum is three times per day, in the morning and mid-afternoon and kept moist for 14 to 21 days to ensure optimum germination. Example times (6am, 10am & 2pm) ***As the lawn matures the goal will be to reduce frequency of watering and increase length of watering cycle. **Speak with your lawn care expert for 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**
- ****During humid weather**, extra care must be taken to not allow the seed to remain wet for extended periods as this can promote fungus. This may require cutting watering back to 1-2 times per day (possibly 10am & 2pm) and allowing areas to completely dry out between watering. Dry before sunset is important.
- Skip days with substantial rain.
- Watering in the evening should be avoided to prevent lawn fungus if possible.
- When watering, do not over-water to the point that puddles are formed or run-off occurs.
- Mow grass when height reaches 3 inches with **sharp blades**.
- Set mower to cut at 2-2.5 inches so as not to burn the new grass by cutting too close to the ground, especially in hot weather. Leave grass 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 / / .

- When your hydroseed is applied, it contains starter fertilizer to maintain the new lawn for approximately 3-4 weeks. Contact your lawn care professional and let them know when the lawn was sprayed or:
- At the 3rd or 4th week, apply a starter fertilizer according to directions on bag for application rates. An example of a fertilizer would be 18-24-12 starter with 25% slow release. Or a balanced 19-19-19 would also work. **Fertilizer should be applied before the end of week 4 so the lawn will not struggle for lack of nutrients.**
- After another 3 to 4 weeks, basic lawn food should be applied.
- Apply lime in the fall. *No weed control* in fertilizer is recommended for the first year. Spot weed with a product such as “Weed be Gone”.
- After lawn is established follow a multi-step yearly fertilizer/weed control program or use a professional lawn care company. See our website: www.BlarneyHydroseeding.com for local fertilization companies.

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.

How long will it take to grow?

- The first blades of grass typically 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.

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.

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’.