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## Watering & Mowing Instructions

### Established Lawns

*In general, watering for a longer period of time infrequently and without puddling is better than watering often for a short period.* This helps the water to seep down deep into the soil, allowing the roots to reach for the water and establish a stronger and more substantial root system. If water stays at the surface only, the roots develop too shallow and will burn out at the first sign of drought or lack of water. Your lawn needs about one inch of water per week or the depth of an empty tuna-fish-can (or other straight sided container) placed under your sprinkler system. IE. Watering every other day or every 3<sup>rd</sup> day for a longer time period is better for your lawn vs. every day for a shorter time period.

### Establishing New Seed

The opposite of the above is true. Keep watered as much as possible while still allowing the soil to drain and dry once a day. The best time to water is early morning and then again around noon or 1pm. This will keep the new seed moist without being too moist at night when fungus likes to develop. After the new grass is mowed twice, the established lawn watering schedule is recommended.

### Watering Bans or Limited Watering

We recommend watering as allowed for a longer period of time. For example, if you can only water 2 days a week, water as much as the lawn will hold without puddling. If proper watering and maintenance is done prior to the ban, the grass will have a deep root system and sustain.

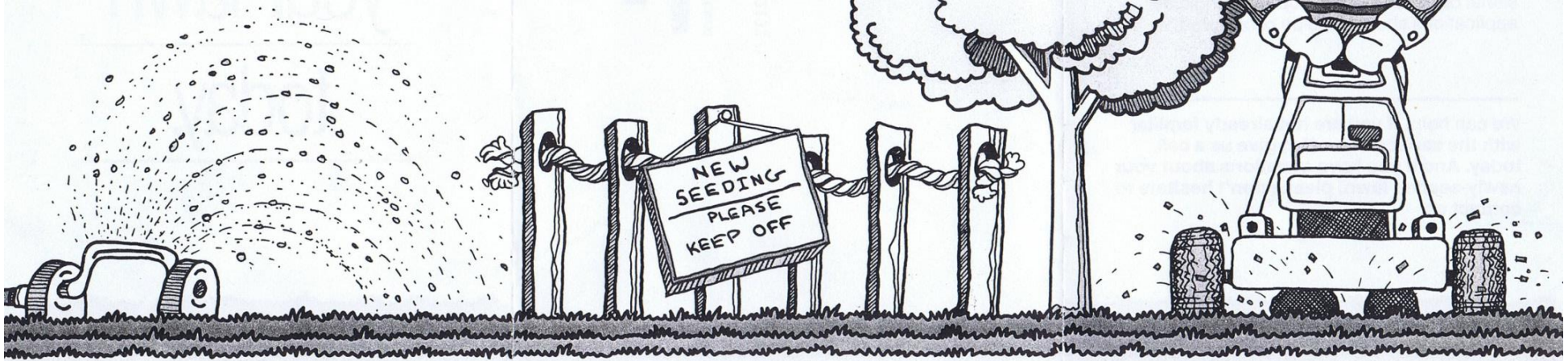
### Hard Packed Soil or Heavy Thatch

If the lawn puddles in certain spots it may be a sign that core aeration is needed to break up the soil and thatch. The potential of clay in the subsoil will keep the lawn from draining as well and can be treated with gypsum. Please contact us for a determination and plan to remedy.

We look forward to helping you this season and appreciate the opportunity to provide these instructions for you. If you have any questions, please contact us at **781-762-7080**, or [info@allgreenworld.com](mailto:info@allgreenworld.com)

# Get your new lawn off to a good start.

Now that your lawn is seeded, here are a few tips that should help get it off to a good, healthy start. A little attention in the beginning goes a long ways toward providing years of beauty and enjoyment in the future.



## Watering

The single most important requirement for germinating turfgrass seed is adequate moisture. Keeping the seed damp — either by rainfall or irrigation — will encourage proper seed development.

The first watering can be done right away. It should moisten the soil to a depth of two to three inches...but gently. Be careful not to apply the water with such force that it washes away soil or dislodges the seed.

After the initial watering, irrigate the newly-seeded area lightly and frequently — two or three times a day, if possible — until the grass begins to establish and mature. Then the intervals between waterings can be lengthened and the amount applied at any one time increased. Watering at night is not recommended.

## Activity

Too much activity on your newly-seeded lawn can interfere with seed germination. For the next two to three weeks, we suggest limiting the amount of activity on your lawn as much as possible.

Wear and tear from people, pets and bikes can create ruts and holes that could ruin the terrain and cause drainage problems. Pampering your new lawn by keeping people and pets off for just a few weeks in the beginning helps insure the quality and beauty you're looking for in the end.

## Mowing

Your new lawn will be ready to mow when the grass plants are higher than the height at which they will normally be maintained. In other words, if you plan to regularly cut the lawn at 2½", mow it for the first time when it is about 3" tall. And when mowing, it's a good idea to follow the general rule of thumb of never removing more than one-third of the leaf blade at any one time. Also, don't mow if the ground is too wet.

Keep in mind, too, that the most important requirement for proper mowing is a sharp mower blade. A dull blade rips and shreds the grass instead of cutting it — seedlings can actually be torn from the soil. Mowing with a dull blade also makes the plants susceptible to other problems like brown leaf tips and disease infestation.