



Watering Instructions for a Successful Seeding Experience

Remember to water your new grass seed properly, especially during the first 14 days. You should aim to keep the soil consistently moist by watering lightly and frequently. This will help the seeds to germinate optimally. As the weather can vary, it's difficult to specify an exact watering schedule for your lawn, so you should monitor the soil moisture closely. After the initial watering, allowing the seed to dry out will substantially reduce the germination percentage. However, be cautious not to overwater, as it can cause the seeds to rot or wash away.

Once the new grass is established, typically within 3-4 weeks, there are several things you can do to keep your lawn healthy. It's crucial for you to be actively involved in this process. To promote root growth, water deeply and allow the soil to dry slightly between each watering, 2-3 times per week. This will help encourage a sturdy root system, which is essential before extreme cold temperatures hit. Avoid frequent, shallow watering to ensure a good root zone establishment.

Keep an eye on your underground sprinkler system to address any runoff, erosion, or dry spots. It's also crucial to adjust and maintain the system regularly.

Once the grass is about 4 inches tall, you can mow it at approximately 3 1/2 inches. Avoid using a riding lawn mower for the initial mowings as this can cause significant compaction due to the saturated soil. To further reduce the risk of compaction, ensure that the lawn has not been watered a day or two before mowing your newly established lawn!

Weeds may germinate along with the grass seed, but avoid applying any weed control until the lawn has been mowed 3-4 times. Apply a starter fertilizer 6 to 8 weeks after establishment to help the young grass get the nutrients it needs for good root growth and carbohydrate storage for next spring. Be cautious not to apply too much nitrogen!



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