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POST PLANTING CARE OF TURF GRASS

SEEDED LAWN -Fescue

After seeding and until germination of seed, keep the seedbed moist with frequent short duration waterings. Try not to allow seedbed to dry out. Once grass is up about 1-2", increase length of waterings and decrease frequency. Do not water to the point of excessive runoff. Once lawn is up about 3-4", stop watering completely. Mow lawn when grass reaches 4-5" in height. **Be sure seedbed is firm enough to walk on before mowing.** Never cut fescue below 2 1/2". We recommend 3" in Spring/Fall and 3 1/2" in Summer.

SODDED LAWN - Fescue

Water every day for 10-15 minutes until grass is obviously growing. Then water every 2-3 days to keep grass moist. Water moderately. Avoid walking on sod for three weeks. Cease watering when grass is 4-5" and mow within one week. **Make sure sod is firm enough to walk on before mowing.** Cut to 3 1/2" on first mowing. Never cut fescue below 2 1/2". We recommend 3" in Spring/Fall and 3 1/2 in Summer.

SODDED LAWN - Zoysia

Water every day for 10-15 minutes (sodded summer) until grass is obviously growing. Then water every 3-5 days to keep grass moist. Water moderately. Avoid walking on sod for three weeks. Cease watering when grass is 2-3" and mow within one week. **Make sure sod is firm enough to walk on before mowing.** Cut to 2" on first mowing. Most zoysia turf can be maintained at 1-2 1/2" in height.

Watering **established lawns** is best done in the morning hours to avoid fungal diseases in the turf. Do not waste water. Runoff is a good sign to know when to stop. Fertilize three times/year using a complete turf grass program. Overfertilizing fescue turf in summer will promote fungal diseases. Pre-emergent herbicides can be used in winter and spring months to reduce weed germination in turf. Post-emergent selective herbicides can be used to reduce established weed population in turf provided the weeds are actively growing (green) and air temperature/humidity levels are not too high.