



LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

Thank you for choosing Vive Exterior Design for your project! The following guidelines will help you establish your new sod or seeded area into a healthy lawn. Please note that each of the different lawn options – sod or seed – require different care. Please read the following recommendations for the lawn type that applies to you.

Sod

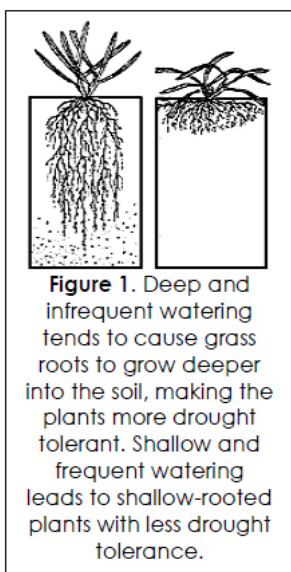
Proper watering is essential to establish your newly sodded yard. It is ***nearly impossible to over-water a new sod installation***. Sod will dry out very quickly. New sod must be kept constantly wet in order to survive and for the new root system to produce. When installed and maintained properly in the initial weeks after installation, the groundwork is set for a healthy and lush lawn. Follow the watering guidelines below combined with a regular fertilizer program to provide the best results.

- **Week 1-3 (*Minimize Foot Traffic*)**
 - Water the new sod immediately after installation
 - Water 3x daily for 20 minutes each time
 - Keep the sod consistently damp for the first 3 weeks
- **Week 3-6 (*Mow Lawn on High Setting once grass reaches 4"H*)**
 - Your sod should begin to root in at this time
 - Begin to water less frequently, for longer duration, and begin fertilizer program
 - Water 1-2x daily for 20-30 minutes each time
- **Week 7**
 - The sod is now well on its way to being established
 - Water 2-3x weekly for 20-30 minutes each time
 - Continue a fertilizer and weed control program to keep your lawn looking it's best

Seed

Newly seeded lawns must be kept wet for the seed to establish. Using straw or penn mulch over the seed protects it and helps minimize evaporation. Keeping the straw damp will cut down on it blowing away. Follow the watering timeline below combined with a regular fertilizer program to provide the best foundation for a healthy lawn.

- **Week 1-3 (*Minimize Foot Traffic*)**
 - Water the newly seeded lawn area 2-3x daily for 15-20 minutes per application
 - Early morning or late afternoon are best times to water
- **Week 3-6**
 - Once you see germination lower the watering to 1x daily for 25-30 minutes
 - Early morning or late afternoon are the best times to water
- **Week 7+ (*Mow Lawn on High Setting*)**
 - Lessen watering to 2-3x per week for 20 minutes each time
 - Important to ween grass off frequent watering to promote healthy roots
 - Begin a fertilizer and weed control program to keep your lawn looking it's best
 - Water during times of drought, 1-2x week



NEW LAWN TIPS/NOTES:

- Limit foot traffic on all new lawn areas for the first month
- Mow when grass reaches 4"H (*less stress on new grass*);
- Slight wilting, color change to gray blue/green color or foot-printing (*grass doesn't rebound once walked on*) are all signs water is needed
- If watering with hose-end sprinkler, leave in same location for 2-3 hours to thoroughly wet the grass rootzone
- **Lawns need 1-1.5" water per week.** To determine the amount of water being applied by any sprinkler place a few empty, shallow, straight-sided containers (ex. tuna cans) in a grid pattern around the sprinkler, turn on the sprinkler for the time and measure the water collected in the can
- If straw blanket was used on your property, the netting will decompose over time and it's important to **keep the blanket in place to minimize damage** to new grass. If it blocks growth trim any loose netting as best possible or restake.