

## Aeration & Over Seeding Follow Up Care

Aeration is done to keep air circulating in the soil and minimize the effect of soil compaction. We use a plug aerator and always overseed after aeration with high quality grass seeds, with moderate to high endophyte content, for excellent resistance to common diseases and turf insects. In order to ensure the best results of your aeration and over seeding service, we would like you to follow these simple watering and mowing instructions.

### Watering:

Proper watering is critical to the successful germination and establishment of turf grass. Once moistened, the seed should be kept moist until the grass plants become established. Unless there is consistent rainfall, this will require daily watering of the seeded area.

In order for best results, please follow this watering program. A blade of grass is made up of a great deal of water.

1. Water the seeded area thoroughly after seeding for no less than one half hour per area. This will both establish good soil moisture and wash the seed into the soil.
2. For the first week water **three times a day**, at morning to mid morning, noon and mid afternoon for 15 to 20 minutes per area.
3. For the second week, water **two times per day**, at morning to mid morning and mid afternoon for 15 to 20 minutes per area.
4. For the third week, water **once a day** between noon and mid afternoon for 15 to 20 minutes per area.
5. For the fourth week, water once every 2 days for 45 to 60 minutes per area.
6. After the new area is established, it can be watered once or twice a week for an hour in each area.

Germination should occur in 14 to 21 days depending on soil temperature and adherence to watering recommendations. Seedlings will emerge from the aeration holes. The majority of seeding failures are the result of failure to keep the seed moist. Remember, you will see weeds in thin areas as the seed grows in, the best way to control weeds is through healthy turf that is thick and dense.

### Mowing

1. Continue to cut the grass as the turf is established.
2. Recommended mowing height is 3 to 3.5 inches.
3. Do not allow the grass to get too long between mowing, try not to remove more than 1/3 of the blade during each mowing. For example, for grass that is 4.5 inches tall, do not mow shorter than 3 inches.
4. Always use a sharp blade to reduce jagged cuts and pulling, which stress the grass and can cause disease.
5. Do not bag the clippings.
6. In seeded areas, water lightly prior to mowing to keep seed down during mowing.

## Slice Over Seeding Follow Up Care

For a beautiful lawn, slice seeding and dethatching is an excellent way to improve your turf appearance. When we leave, your turf will look rough, an effect of the mechanical action of the thatch being pulled up and the slicing of the grass and soil to get the seed, where it needs to be, in the dirt. The positive impact will be apparent after the seed germinates. We use high quality grass seeds with moderate to high endophyte content for excellent resistance to common diseases and turf insects. In order to ensure the best results of your slice over seeding service, we would like you to follow these simple watering and mowing instructions.

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