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"GREEN AND GROWING"

NEW LAWNS

As Easy As

1. Preparing the soil and seed:

For winter lawns, scalp existing lawns as low as your mower will go. Thoroughly rake out old cuttings (thatch). Broadcast Perennial Ryegrass at a rate of 15 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Broadcast Bermuda Grass at the rate of 1 lb. per 500 sq. ft. for summer lawns.

Sow in one half of the required seed in one direction and one half in the other direction (checker-board), this will ensure uniform coverage. Use a hand or drop spreader for best possible coverage and least waste.

2. Fertilizer:

Fertilize with Starter Fertilizer to help your lawn develop strong roots and mature stems before rapid growth begins. This should be applied immediately after seed has been sown.

Spread Starter Fertilizer at the rate of 5 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

Fertilize again 4 weeks after first mowing and continue with 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks through the growing season.

3. Top Dress and Watering:

Cover your lawn with no more than 1/4 inch of composted mulch. One 2 cu. ft. bag will cover 100 to 150 sq. ft. This will keep the new seed warm, moist, reduce pesky birds, and help speed-up germination. Water lightly 3 to 5 times a day for 3 to 5 minutes to ensure the seed does not dry out. Germination generally occurs within 10 to 14 days.

Decrease the frequency of water and increase the amount of water applied.

Generally one time each day for 15 to 20 minutes. The first mowing occurs when the grass reaches 3 inches tall, after about three or four weeks. After first mowing, water deeply 2 to 3 times per week. Mow weekly to 2 inches during the season.

Watering Guidelines:

Winter & Summer Guide

First 10-14 days	3-5 x per day	3-5 minutes	daily
15-21 days	1 x daily	15-20 minutes	early a.m.

Plant in April
night temps >60°

Summer Lawn	Bermuda	water penetrate	early a.m.
After 21 days	2-3 x per week	4-6 inches.	early a.m.

or more depending on weather & soil conditions

Plant in October

December - March	Perennial Rye	water penetrate	early a.m.
Winter Lawn	2 x per week	4-6 inches.	early a.m.