



Turf Guide

*"Everything that slows
us down and forces
patience, everything that
sets us back into the slow
circles of nature, is a help.
Gardening is an
instrument of grace."*

~May Sarton

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NEW SEED & TURF CARE

The following are care procedures that are necessary to follow in order to have success with seed germination and fill in.

Watering

Water is the most important management practice, essential for turf plants in every stage of growth. The turf area and soil should be monitored for watering needs rather than following a pre-set watering schedule.

Rules of thumb:

1. A newly seeded lawn area should be kept moist throughout the day for good germination. Perennial ryegrass in the seed mix will begin to germinate within 7-10 days of seeding. Kentucky Bluegrass, which makes up the majority of seed in the mix, will begin to germinate 14-21 days from the date of seeding.
2. Depending on temperature and wind conditions, the lawn area may require 1-4 (+/-) light waterings throughout the day to maintain a moist seedbed. Note that areas along driveways, sidewalks and streetside tend to dry out more quickly due to heat generated off the pavement. Special attention should be paid to these and other areas that seem vulnerable to drying out.

If lawn area is allowed to dry out due to temperature, wind, lack of water, or other site/weather conditions, the germination process will be slowed and some percentage of turf seed may not emerge or even die off. This may lead to thin and bare areas.

1. Water in early morning or afternoon. If watering in afternoon, be sure there is enough time for the grass blades to dry before dark. It is advised to not let your lawn go into the evening and overnight in a damp wet condition. This may provide the conditions for disease.
2. As the new lawn grows, reduce the frequency of watering, but at same time increase the amount of water applied. Water deeper and less frequently in order to allow the water to penetrate deeper into the soil to help promote a deep, well developed root system.

Fertilizing

New turf should receive a balanced fertilizing after it has been mowed at least twice about 4-6 weeks after seeding. Do not use any weed killer at this time as it may harm the lawn. The following is a schedule of fertilizing that we recommend for healthy seasonal growth, root development, enhanced Winter hardiness, and early growth in Spring:

Early Spring (March / April)

Late Summer (August / September)

Late Spring (May)

Late Season (late October / November)

Note

The emerging lawn may germinate unevenly and thus give the appearance of thin or bare areas. Maintain your watering and fertilizing schedule and in most cases these areas will proceed to fill in. There should be no need to top dress or over seed within the turf establishment period. Under a program of proper care and with normal weather conditions, a seeded area should develop into a sod-like lawn within 1-2 years.

Mowing

A newly seeded lawn should not be cut until the lawn has reached a height of 2" or more. Lawn mower blades should be kept sharp. Mower blades should be carefully set so that the first cut will not be closer than 2 ½".

Aeration

We recommend the aeration of the turf on a regular basis. Aeration is the removal of small cores of soil to allow air, moisture and fertilizer to penetrate deeper into the root zone area.

Seed Warranty

Husney Landscaping Inc. guarantees that all work is done in accordance with proper landscape principles. The customer assumes responsibility for initiating and maintaining a lawn establishment care program. Under a program of proper care and with normal weather conditions, a seeded lawn area should develop into a full lawn within 1-2 years.

All seeded areas should exhibit satisfactory germination and growth and yet many variables may apply to the success of the overall turf germination and development - weather, owner care and normal growth habits of turf. Husney Landscaping Inc. cannot be responsible for the germination and growth of turf seeding considering the factors that are beyond our control after we complete a seeding. If a client wishes to have touch up seeding work done within the first year of seeding, it may be requested and evaluated by Husney Landscaping Inc. Material cost for this seeding will be charged to the client. As stated in this Care Guide it normally takes turf seed between 1-2 years to develop into a thick stand of lawn. We suggest allowing the new turf seeding the natural time it requires to germinate and develop under a proper program of care.

Rock and debris have a tendency to move vertically within the soil structure. Until a consistent cover of turf is established, rock and/or debris may continue to rise to the surface. Husney Landscaping Inc. has no control over this occurrence.

The warranty excludes the following: erosion, washout, blowing and drifting seed, weed seeds and their growth, disease, pests, snow mold, chemicals and/or salts in the soil, vertical movement of rock and/or debris and other conditions, including, but not limited to excessive soil moisture, underground water, drainage from site and/or adjoining sites, buried debris, grade and turf areas affected by mechanical or vandalism damage, etc. Husney Landscaping Inc. cannot be responsible for weather conditions before, during and after any/all seeding procedures and does not offer any warranty for weather-related damage to turf grade, seed, and/or germinated turf plants.

Grade area(s) depressions and/or sink-collapse situations that occur before, during and after lawn establishment work procedures are not the responsibility of Husney Landscaping, Inc.

Warranty service may include any of the following: revision to the client's aftercare program, cultural procedures by Husney Landscaping Inc. to aid in germination and development and/or spot seeding as determined by a representative of Husney Landscaping Inc.

WEATHER NOTE: During times of hot, dry, and/or windy conditions and drying, the seed bed and new turf must be given special attention. Water accordingly to avoid heat stress and drying out to the turf and the seed bed.

GERMINATION NOTE: Germination varies within 5-7 days for Perennial Ryegrass to 14-21 days for Kentucky Bluegrass. Developing a healthy and strong root and shoot structure should take between 1-2 years.

