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WATERING GUIDE FOR LAWNS

NEW SOD LAWN

- Frequency:
 - Water heavily twice daily for the first two weeks.
 - In the third and subsequent weeks, water only once per day but double the watering time per zone (approximately 30-60 minutes).
 - Water once every day thereafter for the remainder of the summer or until seasonal weather changes requires a decrease in watering practices.
- Water should not be puddling or running off the lawn and should be saturating into the soil.
- **Your new sod has to be receiving 1" of water per day**
 - You MUST use a rain gauge (or tuna can if you don't have a rain gauge) in the yard to measure amount of water being received to ensure you are getting 1" of water daily.
- If you have an irrigation system, we discourage you from using just your sprinkler system during the first two weeks – supplemental sprinkler(s) will help ensure your sod's health.
 - If you have ROTARY sprinklers: **(Not recommended to rely on for new sod - must receive 1" of water daily)**
 - In full sun, start with 20 -30 minutes per zone.
 - In shade or on a slope, start with 10 - 20 minutes per zone.
 - If you have SPRAY sprinklers: **(Not recommended to rely on for new sod - must receive 1" of water daily)**
 - In full sun, start with 10-15 minutes per zone.
 - In shade or on a slope, start with 5 - 10 minutes per zone.
- While it is in your contract and is covered in the client expectations book, we want to reiterate:
 - Sod is not covered under any warranty (expressed, written, or implied) so proper watering, even if it starts getting brown, is of highest importance. If the above steps are followed correctly – your sod will make it and be very healthy.

These times and the tuna can test (or rain gauge) are only general guidelines, to test if you are applying enough water to your new sod lawn, pull back a piece of sod that is not yet rooted and check to see that the soil underneath is damp but not saturated. If the soil is dry or saturated, fine-tune your watering periods. Perform this test in different locations of your yard. Once you have done this test a few times and your sod is rooted you will have a feel for its regular watering needs.

Actual watering times and frequencies should be adjusted depending on seasonal temperatures or rainfall amounts. Treat your sprinkler controller as if it were a thermostat in your home, increasing the timer settings to water longer if your lawn seems too dry.

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NEW SEED LAWN

- Frequency:
 - Water 2-4 times daily until the grass reaches 1 to 1-1/2".
 - After the grass reaches 1 to 1-1/2" in height, water only once per day but double the watering time per zone. Water once every day for the remainder of the summer or until seasonal changes decrease the need for watering.
- No run off or puddling should occur.
- For best results, the soil must stay darkened to indicate it is moist.
- **Your new seed lawn should be receiving 1" of water per day**
 - Use a rain gauge (or tuna can if you don't have a rain gauge) in the yard to measure amount of water being received to ensure you are getting 1" of water daily.
- If you have an irrigation system, we discourage you from using just your sprinkler system during the first two weeks – supplemental sprinkler(s) will help ensure your sod's health.
 - If you have ROTARY sprinklers: **(Not recommended to rely on for new sod - must receive 1" of water daily)**
 - In full sun, start with 10-20 minutes per zone.
 - In shade or on a slope, start with 5-15 minutes per zone.
 - If you have SPRAY sprinklers: **(Not recommended to rely on for new sod - must receive 1" of water daily)**
 - In full sun, start with 10-15 minutes per zone.
 - In shade or on a slope, start with 5 - 10 minutes per zone.
- While it is in your contract and is covered in the client expectations book, we want to reiterate:
 - Seed is not covered under any warranty (expressed, written, or implied) so proper watering, even if it starts getting brown or doesn't seem to be growing, is of highest importance. If the above steps are followed correctly – your lawn will grow and be very healthy.

In the heat of the summer, while the seed is becoming established, that the ground must remain dark in color to indicate it is moist but not wet to the point that puddles accumulate. Avoid allowing it to dry out. Think of your seed lawn as an infant that requires small but frequent feedings. Once your seed lawn has matured and is 1-1 1/2" in height you will want to irrigate less frequently but more deeply.

These times and the tuna can test (or rain gauge) are only general guidelines to test if you are applying enough water to your new seed lawn. If the soil is dry or over saturated, fine-tune your watering periods. Treat your sprinkler controller as if it were a thermostat in your home, increasing the timer settings to water longer if your lawn seems too dry.

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