



General Watering Guide- Sod/Seed

Hattoy's recommends giving adequate water to newly installed lawns, whether that be by seed or sod. The proper watering given to your new lawn will strongly impact the success of the installation done by our crews. Neglect of watering can result in costly repair, after having spent money to already have the job done once.

SEED-Grass seed needs to be watered very frequently after an installation has occurred. Whether you have had your lawn de-thatched and overseeded, slice-seeded, aerated and seeded, or topdressed with new screened loam and seeded...they all are going to need about the same amount of water for the same length of time.

Seed is very sensitive and dries out very easily. We generally recommend as a rule of thumb watering a newly seeded lawn 2-3x a day, for 10-15 minutes each time. This is going to help prevent the seed from drying out. If you have time, a sprinkler system, or the capabilities to get things set up...then we would recommend 3x a day (8am-12pm-4pm). By spacing it out 4 hours apart, it will help prevent the seed from drying out during the day when the sun is out. Usually at night the loam/lawn doesn't dry out as much, so we do not recommend watering at night.

Normally, an established lawn requires less frequent watering for a longer period. For example, it's better to water a lawn once a week for an hour or so, then it would be to water the lawn everyday for 10 minutes. By watering it every day for a short period the roots aren't growing and establishing deep in the ground. For grass seed, there are no roots yet, you are trying to get that seed to germinate. Once it's established and mowed once, then you can start to cut back on the watering. You can usually mow your lawn 3-4 weeks after it's been seeded. Do not walk on new seed as much as you can help it. Keep pets off.

SOD-Sod needs to be thoroughly soaked. Sod is just harvested/mature grass that was grown in a field. We recommend 1-2 hours a day until its able to be mowed for sod. That will usually be 2-3 weeks after a sod job. Do no walk on new sod, especially after it was watered.