

SCOTLAND YARDS CARE GUIDE:

Newly Seeded Lawn Care

WEEKS 1-5

The first five weeks are critical to the survival of your newly-seeded lawn. You should set aside time for proper care of it. You should invest in a hose, timer and sprinkler, if you do not already have them, as well as for maintenance throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons. If you follow Dane's instructions you will insure your seeds' success:

- Keep all traffic off the newly seeded area until its first mowing.
- Keep moist. Newly germinated seedlings die quickly if allowed to dry out. It is important to keep them covered and damp with peat moss or compost for the first two weeks. Water lightly and often, keeping only the top one-inch of soil moist during the establishment period.
- Avoid puddles in the soil. The applied peat moss or compost covering will help maintain soil moisture and promote germination.
- Once grass is established it should be watered less frequently and deeply.

WEEK 6

After five weeks of the seeding process, once the grass is flourishing, it should be ready to mow.

- Six weeks into the seeding process the grass can take activity.

WEEK 7+

After the second mowing the use of weed killers can start. At the time of seeding, fertilizer was used. You do not need to add more for approximately two months.

- You may experience some weed growth along with your new grass. New lawns should have routine fertilization as well as weed control applied to them.
- *Note: For the best maintenance of a lawn, it should be fertilized twice in the spring and once in the fall.*

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- Dry, windy days mean a more frequent need for watering. It is important to check the moisture level of the soil. If the soil is dry, add water.
- Cool, wet periods require far less due to the slower loss of moisture. Too much water is just as bad as too little water.

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