



Caring for Your Newly Installed Lawn

To ensure the best results with your newly planted lawn proper maintenance over the next few weeks is key. Please use the following watering and care information as your guide and keep foot traffic to a minimum during the establishment period. Areas near stone, gravel, concrete, pavers, etc. should be watched closely because they will dry out faster and may need to be watered more frequently.

	Watering	Mowing
0-14 Days	Sod: ½ hour twice a day, 1" of water	No
	Seed: 10-15 min. twice a day, ½" of water	
2-4 Weeks	Sod: 15 min. a day, ½" of water	No
	Seed: 20-30 min. a day ½" of water	
4-6 Weeks	Sod: ½ hour every 2-3 days	Sod: Mow only when fully rooted, usually after week 4. Remove ¼" for first mow
	Seed: 30 min. every 2-3 days, reduce as grass grows in	Seed: Mow after grass has reached a height of 3-4". Remove no more than ¼-1/3" for first mowing.
6 Weeks and beyond	About 1" of water a week pending weather conditions.	

How do I Care for New Sod?

Water your new sod at least twice a day, including once in the evening. Keep the Soil Moist to a depth of one to two inches. Total watering time should be about an hour a day for the first two weeks. Make sure that soil does not stay saturated for long periods, otherwise the sod may not root. Reduce frequency to 30 minutes every day once lawn has begun new growth. After four weeks, a sodded lawn can go for longer periods of time without water.

Do not mow a sodded lawn for at least 4 weeks after install when the grass has begun to grow and take root. If you can pull up on the sod and lift it, it is still too early to mow.

How do I Care for New Seed?

For newly seeded lawns, water at least twice a day, beginning in the morning and finishing by early evening. Keep the seedbed moist, but not saturated, to a depth of ½" to 1". Total watering time for the first two to three weeks

should be 30 minutes a day. As seedlings grow to a height of 2", reduce the frequency, but increase the amount of water.

Any straw or netting in place for as long as possible or at least until grass is 2-4". If netting needs to be removed for any reason, carefully lift netting up away from your body as you pull upward.

Begin mowing after the grass has grown to a height of 6 inches. Remove no more than 2" to give your lawn an even appearance. Mow at this height for at least 4 cuttings.

Can Schalow's Help Maintain My Lawn?

If you would like assistance with the maintenance of your lawn, our expert staff would be happy to help. Schalow's Nursery offers the following services:

Fertilization, Weed Control, Aeration, De-Thatching, Mowing and Edging, Overseeding, and Irrigation Design and Installation