

## **New Lawn Care Instructions**

Congratulation on your newly installed/seeded lawn. Project Lawns has put together a few important tips for maintaining your new lawn.

REMEMBER TO BE PATIENT WITH YOUR NEW LAWN! The first four to eight-week period, following lawn installation, is the most critical time for proper follow-up care. Lawn establishment failures are due to improper follow-up care during this critical time period. Please keep children and pets off the newly installed/seeded lawn and follow these simple instructions to achieve a dense, uniform and well-rooted lawn within your property.

## Homeowner's responsibility to WATER

Water is the most important factor in establishing a lawn. After the initial deep soaking to a soil depth of 4" to 5", follow-up irrigation should be done daily. Soil within the top  $\frac{1}{2}$ " should be kept consistently moist. Initially this may require early morning, mid-day and evening watering; of about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " each time. A good way to determine how much water is being applied to the soil is to place a container (i.e. a coffee can) in the sprinkler's path and time how long it takes to collect  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water. Daily irrigation ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") should be continued for 3 to 4 weeks. During hot or dry conditions, you may need to increase the watering during the early morning and evening watering time to maintain moisture in the soil surface.

SPECIAL NOTE: To maintain a uniform watering schedule, a water faucet timer should be used to set the various watering times throughout these critical weeks. Remember - keep a consistent moist environment for proper grass seed germination.

After four weeks, your new lawn still requires a minimum of 1" of water a week for continued growth. The watering schedule, at this point of establishment, can be changed to twice a week before 5:00 P.M. with a deep soaking of ½" or more of water. But during hot or dry conditions, watering should occur during early morning hours until the lawn matures.