

# Caring for Your New Grass Seed

*A simple, step-by-step guide to help your lawn come in full, healthy, and beautiful*

## **Day One: Right After Seeding**

Your lawn has just been aerated, seeded, and fed. The seed is now sitting in the soil, ready to begin the germination process.

Keep the seed consistently moist. Not soaked. Not flooded. Just lightly damp at all times.

- Begin watering the same day (or next morning)
- Apply light, gentle waterings
- Avoid puddles or runoff

## **Days 1–14: The Germination Phase**

This is the most critical window. Grass seed needs consistent surface moisture to germinate.

- Water 2–3 times per day
- Focus on morning, midday, and optional late afternoon
- Keep top ½ inch of soil damp
- Avoid dry spots and standing water

## **Days 10–21: First Sprouts Appear**

You'll begin to see thin green shoots. The grass is fragile at this stage.

- Reduce to 1–2 waterings per day
- Slightly increase watering time
- Encourage early root development

## **Weeks 3–5: Strengthening the Lawn**

The lawn begins filling in but may still look uneven.

- Water once per day, slightly deeper
- First mow at 3.5 - 4 inches with sharp blade
- Avoid heavy traffic

## **Weeks 5–8: Building Density**

Your lawn transitions into developing turf. Mow as needed at 3.5 – 4 inches for optimal health & beauty.

- Water 2-3 times per week
- Use deeper, longer watering sessions
- Encourage deep root growth

### **Key Tips for Success**

- Consistent moisture early is critical
- Be patient—lawns fill in over time
- Avoid heavy traffic and early mowing mistakes
- Spring seeding requires extra attention

### **Final Thought**

A little extra care in the beginning leads to a thick, healthy lawn for the entire season. If you ever have questions, I'm always here to help.

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