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Tips for Planting and Caring for Your New Grass



#1. Make sure the area where you are planting is going to drain well. Low spots where water stands for long periods of time promotes fungus and disease.



#2. Kill any existing weeds or unwanted grasses with herbicide such as Round Up. Follow manufacturers recommendations on mixing, application, and waiting time before planting.

#3. Rake and smooth area while planting, removing any debris, clods etc.



#4. When planting 1 pallet or more, take a break and water the grass you have planted every 30 minutes or so. The hot sun can dry and burn the leaves of the newly harvested grass. Stopping to water frequently may prevent this.

#5. After planting, water the grass thoroughly. You will need to water the grass daily or twice daily if possible for the next two weeks or so depending on time of year and weather conditions. In the summer ALWAYS water during the hottest part of the day, this will cool the leaves of the grass and allow them to take up moisture. Do not over water, 15 to 30 minutes per watering is sufficient. An easy way to test for the correct moisture is to put your finger into the soil that comes with the grass. Try to keep it moist, not saturated with water. Watering twice daily (once mid morning, once mid afternoon) should prevent the grass from burning and going into shock. This can be done fairly easily with a timer hooked to your water spigot or if you have an irrigation system.



#6. 4 to 7 days after planting apply some Miracle Grow or similar Liquid Fertilizer using a hose end spray applicator following manufacturers recommendations. When you can no longer pick up the edges of the the individual pieces of grass you can cut back on the watering and begin mowing.



#7. After your grass is well established water during the day, NOT at night. Watering at night promotes Brown Patch or other fungal diseases.



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