



Watering Instructions for Lawns

Watering Established Lawns

Proper watering techniques are absolutely essential for keeping your lawn healthy, happy, and green. Begin watering your lawn before it starts to lose color. Your lawn requires approximately 1" of water per week. By using a deep, infrequent, watering cycle. Use an empty can as a measuring devise-simply set the empty can underneath your sprinkler (keeping can level) and time how long it takes to reach 1" depth.

The best watering time is early morning while the breezes are gentle or nonexistent, and the lawn is already wet with morning dew. Early watering allows the turf to dry out prior to receiving the hot mid-day sun. Evening or nighttime watering increases the opportunity for disease and insect problems to occur.

When dry conditions occur for an extended time, you should water every 2-3 weeks to help conserve water. When drought conditions occur, you are watering to keep dormant roots healthy and viable, not attempting to keep the turf green.

Watering Newly Sodded or Seeded Lawns

A great deal of care should be taken when attempting to establish a newly seeded or sodded lawn. Sod should be watered heavily for the first 3-5 days, then for 30-60 minutes daily for the next 2 weeks. Once the new roots are established, you may fall back to 15-30 minutes daily for the next 1-2 weeks. Established sod lawns should be watered normally after 4-6 weeks. These watering suggestions are weather dependent and should be modified if rain is occurring regularly. Newly seeded lawns need daily watering for 15-20 minutes for the first 2-3 weeks, then every other day for 20-30 minutes base upon weather conditions. Remember that newly seeded and sodded lawns are much more affected by heat and excessive rainfall than established lawns. In turn, they should be monitored for proper moisture daily.

New lawns are susceptible to disease and fungus. Therefore, you should contact us at our office if you notice any changes in your lawn as quick actions save turf.