



Tips on Caring for Newly Planted Grass

Watering New Grass

After planting the grass seed, continue to water it at least twice a day (or more frequently if the weather is hot), until after you've mowed it once or twice. Once your new grass is established, you can go back to a normal watering routine

Overseeding

It is always a good idea to fill in any areas where seed didn't sprout due to drying out and over the rest of the area to help create a thick lawn. Sprinkle a light coat of seed over the area about two weeks after the initial seeding.

Mowing Newly Seeded Grass

Hold off on mowing the area until the new grass is between 3 and 3 ½ inches long. Make sure your mower blade is nice and sharp, and then cut your grass only when it's dry. You also want to avoid mowing too short. (You only need to remove 1/3 of the height) and try to cut back the frequency to limit traffic on the new seedlings.

Feeding New Grass

Feeding is important for all lawns, but it's especially important for new grass plants. Apply fertilizer in 4-6 weeks keep the new grass growing and maintain a thick, green appearance. For the first few months be sure to use a fertilizer without weed preventer as this will also prevent the desirable grass seed.

Weeds in Your New Grass

It happens. Weeds do pop up now and then among newly planted grass. That's because dormant weed seeds are always present in the soil, and they're waiting to sprout when they get a chance.

A good rule of thumb is to wait until you've mowed your new grass at least 4 times before you treat the weeds with a crabgrass preventer or other weed-control product. The exception would be if you are using a weed-control product specifically designed to be used when seeding.