



# *After Care Instructions*

## *LAWN SEEDING or OVERSEEDING*

*Congratulations, you have taken a big step towards improving your lawn by allowing Chippers to apply our custom seed blends for repairing bare spots, installing a new lawn or overseeding.*

*Please review these After Care Instructions for Lawn Seeding regarding germination times, watering and mowing advice to achieve the best results for your newly applied grass seed.*

### *Germination Times*

All of our Chippers seed blends take 3-4 weeks to germinate. Please be patient! And because we blend different types of seeds, you may notice some seeds will germinate more quickly than others in the same lawn section. Again, please be patient.

### *Watering*

#### *Lawn Installation or Patch Repair Seeding*

Seeded lawn repairs requires regular irrigation in the absence of normal rainfall in the first 2 to 4 weeks to help establish your new lawn area. Lack of moisture is the single most common cause of seeding failure since grass seed must have continual moisture to become properly established. When watering your new lawn area, do so several times a day for about 10 to 20 minutes. Don't turn on your irrigation and leave it for a few hours as this may cause excessive pooling or runoff. Shady lawns require less watering than lawns exposed to full sun.

#### *Overseeding After Aeration*

Overseeding is designed to help add improved grass varieties to an existing lawn for better disease and drought tolerance. In some cases, the seed used is simply a better grass for full sun (better drought resistance) or for shade tolerance. Instead of establishing a lawn with loam, overseeding works with the environmental conditions of your lawn to infuse new grass varieties for thicker, healthier turf.

Watering is generally not required with overseeding since the seed is an inch or two below ground in the holes created by the aeration machine. If you want to speed up the germination process, watering every other day should suffice. Watering should range from 10 to 30 minutes depending upon sun exposure, time of year and natural rainfall.

### *Mowing*

You should avoid mowing lawn installations or patch lawn repairs until the grass reaches a height of about 4". After overseeding, you can mow any time because the seeds that are germinating are below ground.

*Thank you for choosing us as your lawn's health care provider.*

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