

Maintaining a Beautiful Lawn



Watering Guide for Your New Lawn

Water requirements can vary for locales with greater precipitation. The guidelines below are for warm weather and/or drier climates. Proper watering of sod is essential for root establishment. Enough water should be applied to penetrate the sod and two inches of native soil. Soil should remain evenly moist for the first two weeks for rooting to occur.

First 14 days

- 60-70°F 8 am, 1 pm, for 15 minutes
- 70-90°F 6 am, 12 pm, 3 pm for 20-25 minutes
- 90°F + 6 am, 10 am, 2 pm, 4 pm for 20-25 minutes
- If run off is excessive or sod is soggy, reduce the length of time; not the frequency.

After 14 days

- 6 am daily for 20-25 minutes. Shaded areas may require less water.

After 30 days

- 10 am 2-3 times weekly for 30 minutes. Shaded areas may require less water.

Helpful hints

- Do not water lawns of any age at night; it may promote disease.
- During periods of extreme heat or dry winds, the lawn may require additional water.
- The object is to water deeply, less frequently to encourage deep rooting.



Mowing Guidelines

Mow for the first time on day 14 to three inches tall, when the blades of grass are dry. Never remove more than 1/3 of the grass in one mowing. The lawn must be well established before a riding mower is used.

Variety	Mowing Heights
Bermuda	1½" (3.8 cm) CA 1" (2.5 cm)
Bluegrass	1½-2" (3.8-5 cm)
Centipede	2" (5 cm)
Fescue	1½-2" (3.8-5 cm)
Ryegrass	1½" (3.8 cm)
St. Augustine	3" (7.6 cm) CA 1" (2.5 cm)
Zoysia	2" (5 cm)



Lawn Food Frequency

Feeding your lawn every 6 to 8 weeks gives grass plants the nutrients they need for deep roots and strong, full blades. Regular feedings provide the nutrients the lawn needs to look its best and withstand the stresses of weeds, heat, drought and family activity.

Feeding is important for all lawns, but it's especially important for new grass to keep your new grass growing and maintain a thick, green appearance. Feeding can/should take place immediately after planting and provide a follow-up feeding in 4-6 weeks with **Scotts® Turf Builder® Starter® Food for New Grass**. Once your new **Harmony™ SOD** is established, continue with regular feedings with **Scotts® Turf Builder™ UltraFeed™** every 6-8 weeks. For more information on Scotts® products visit scotts.com



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