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Now that your new lawn is seeded.....

Watering: This is the single most important factor in establishing your new lawn. Once the seed has been planted, begin light and frequent watering. Apply enough water to keep the soil surface continually moist, not wet. Avoid over watering as it may produce puddles and cause the seed to wash out. Remember, the top layer of the soil must not dry out, thus more frequent watering is necessary if the weather is hot and or windy. We recommend early morning watering, if possible. This allows the seed bed to dry out over night and keeps fungal growth to a minimum. Straw is used to protect the seed bed from erosion and to retain moisture. If straw was used, make certain to water it immediately after installation to keep it from blowing. Also make certain it remains evenly distributed and does not clump or pile up.

Germination: After 10 - 14 days you should begin to see new growth emerging from the seed bed. **DO NOT PANIC** when weeds appear. All soil contains weed seed and although they may appear to be a problem, they actually help shade new seedlings and help conserve surface moisture. You may also notice some bare areas in the lawn, again do not panic these usually fill in with time and over seeding. Once a good stand of turf grass is established, longer deeper watering is recommended.

Mowing: You can begin to mow your new lawn when it reaches 3" in height. Mowing a young lawn helps it to thicken and encourages stronger root growth. Never cut your new lawn shorter than 3 inches the first year, doing so can and will damage new seedlings. Straw will naturally decay, do not remove it. Raking out the straw can damage the root system of the new seedlings.

Fertilization: After the third mowing, you may notice your newly seeded lawn turning yellow. This is the time to begin your fertilization program. A broadleaf weed n feed application may be applied to encourage root development and kill off any broadleaf weeds that have germinated. Continue treatment of your new lawn with a fertilization program. Some over seeding maybe required to fill in any bare areas.

New lawns take a great deal of time and commitment to achieve success. It can take up to a year for your lawn to fully mature and become thick and dense. Be patient and please give us a call with any questions you may have regarding your lawn.