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Watering Guide (Grass Seed)

Newly installed grass seed watering instructions:

You now have a newly seeded lawn, here are a few tips to ensure proper growth:

- Watering is essential to life—too little water and we die, too much and we drown. The same is true of the grass in our lawns. Water makes up 70 to 80% of the weight of our lawn grasses and the clippings alone are nearly 90% water.
- Newly planted seed has very important watering needs. Proper watering immediately after seeding will ensure the seed begins to germinate. Daily watering is crucial during the initial 3-4 weeks. However, watering should be continued well after the seed is established to continue adequate growth. The most important thing for your new seed to germinate properly is that it stay moist. If the seed sprout dries out it dies out. Adequate moisture at all times, is essential.
- Proper watering techniques are a critical aspect of lawn watering, equal in importance are when to water, and how much to water. Seed, unlike sod installation, does not need to be watered until its soggy. But it does need to be moist at all times. Germination time is 5-30 days depending on the type of seed that is being used. Typically, you should see sprouts around 7 to 10 days from the installation date.
- AVOID HAND SPRINKLING because it cannot provide the necessary uniformity as most people do not have the patience, time or eye to adequately measure what is being applied across large areas. The only possible exception to this guideline would be the need to syringe the surface of the grass to cool it, or to provide additional water near buildings or other heat-reflecting surfaces. Make sure water is reaching all surfaces of the lawn. Areas near buildings/objects dry out faster.

**** Please note: Any acts of God including but not limited to, rain wash-out & animal destruction will not be considered a warrantable item.****