

## CARE OF YOUR NEW LAWN

### **Seeded**

New lawns must have constant moisture to establish themselves, but overwatering (anything more than dampening) will result in seed loss and/or uneven redistribution. For the first one to two weeks, dampen the surface three times a day to keep the seeds moist and in place. When watering, use a fine spray and water until the ground is wet. Never water so heavily that water pools or runs off. After two weeks of this watering, you should see germination.

Once the grass has sprouted, water your lawn once a day if there's no rain of at least an inch per week. Continue doing this for the next one to two weeks. Four to five weeks after seeding, your lawn should be self-sustaining unless there is unusually dry weather. Water it once a week (or as needed depending on rainfall) and watch for wilting.

### **New Sod**

New sod must have moisture until roots have been established. Water your new sod daily, but do not allow water to pool on the surface. As with seeded lawns, do not overwater, as this is just as harmful as dry conditions. A good indicator that rooting has occurred is that the sod remains firmly in place when a corner is lightly tugged on. Once your sod passes this test, the roots have been established. From this point on, water your sod weekly (or as needed depending on rainfall) and watch for wilting.