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## ***Instructions For Care And Maintenance Of Your New Lawn Installation***

*Please read the following instructions and useful tips to ensure proper growth of your newly installed lawn. Please know that a new lawn is delicate, but with proper care, management, and patience it will flourish and develop into a healthy thriving lawn.*

*\*\*Seed MUST stay moist – never allowed to dry out. There will be a percentage of loss if it is allowed to dry out. Prior to seed germination, the lawn can be watered three times a day to allow for the seed to stay moist. After germination, it is recommended to water a minimum of twice daily – once in the morning, once at night when the sun is not too strong. Water approximately for 20 minutes each time. Clay soils may need less watering, sandy soils may need more. Soils should be wet, but not flooded.*

*\*\*Germination will BEGIN to take place in approx. 1 week to 10 days. There are three types of seed in the mixture – they do not all germinate at the same time. It takes months for a new lawn to fill in. Sparse patches are common in the beginning.*

*\*\*Approximately 4-6 weeks after installation, another application of starter fertilizer should be applied. The first one was included in the hydro-seed mixture. Your local hardware store should carry what you need. If you opt to choose a professional service, we highly recommend Turfco Lawn Care for their services. Their phone # is: 399-1442. A full seasonal chemical program should be followed.*

*\*\*Mowing should be done when the height of the grass reaches 4". At that point only the first inch should be cut off, reducing the height of the new grass to 3". Using a push-mower is recommended and the clippings must be bagged. If the grass is allowed to grow too long before cutting, it will be too much of a shock to cut more at once.*

*\*\*Crabgrass and/or other weeds may appear. This can be caused by the seeds that are already in the existing soil. There are NO weed seeds in the hydro-seed mixture. It also most definitely will be caused by heat and humidity combinations. It can be treated.*

*\*\*Try to keep high traffic off the new grass, as it is very delicate for quite some time.*

*We can guarantee that the new lawn was installed properly and with care. However, we cannot guarantee the growth. Growth is dependent on the care that it is given. We do not guarantee against loss caused by acts of Mother Nature such as heavy rain or thunderstorms.*

*We hope this information is helpful. Good luck with the growth of your new lawn.*