

## NEW LAWN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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You have made a valuable investment in hiring Van Putte Landscape to Hydroseed your lawn. We will do all we can to assure your success, but you must assume the important responsibility of watering. Remember, Hydroseeding is only a method of planting your lawn, it is not a process that simply takes care of itself. It is up to you to guard against failure and protect your investment by keeping the seed bed moist at all times. Grass seed, even the very best, will not germinate unless constant moisture is present.

### **Watering Instructions:**

- Wait 24 hours before starting the watering process. This will allow the paper mulch used in Hydroseeding to “set up” with no harm to the seed, even in hot weather.
- Water as many times as needed to keep the seed bed from drying out. This may require up to 2-3 waterings on hot sunny days. Water until the ground starts to puddle uniformly, but not to the point where the water runs off.
- Rotary or oscillating sprinklers are the best watering devices to use. Hand watering will not work, as the watering will not be thorough or uniform.
- The best times to water are early in the morning, noon or mid-afternoon. Evening waterings are tolerable except in hot, humid weather. In July and August evening watering should be avoided.
- With warm temperatures, the seed bed begins to germinate and the results of your effort should become apparent in 7-10 days. Continue watering until a full stand of grass is achieved.

**Mowing:** Your new lawn should be cut when it reaches a height of 2-2 ½ inches. Let the soil surface dry a bit before mowing so your mower does not cause ruts in your lawn. Mow at a height of 2 inches until the grass obtains a uniform texture. Tall grass inhibits the growth of slower germinating seed, as it blocks critical sunlight from reaching those seeds.

**Fertilizing:** This should be done approximately 30 days after installation or just after the first mowing, and again approximately 4-5 weeks later using Van Putte’s 15 Plus on both applications. It is very important to use the proper fertilizer and suggested rates so you do not burn the new turf, and that you get your lawn off to a good start. Visit our Garden Center for further details and instructions.

**Disease:** New lawns less than one year old are susceptible to a disease called Pythium Blight. This occurs in late June through August, when there are periods of hot days (90 degrees +) and humid nights (70 degrees +). During this time, try to avoid evening waterings, as this will help promote the disease. If Pythium Blight goes uncontrolled it can kill a new lawn in a matter of days. If you suspect you have this, please call your Sales Representative as soon as possible.