



# AFTERCARE

## SEEDED LAWNS

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### DEAR CUSTOMER

Now that we have sown your seed for you, there are a few important aftercare steps to ensure it takes growth and establishes well. It is imperative that your seed is kept damp at all times. Even in the cooler months where rain is more common, please ensure you check it is damp as new seed will take longer to germinate in the cooler weather. In particular, ensure you check the seed which is sheltered from the rain by trees or shrubs.

### STEPS FOR WATERING NEW SEEDED LAWNS AND RESEEDED LAWNS

1. It is critical that the top 2cm of soil is not allowed to dry out in the first three weeks as this may prevent germination of seed. Either hand water or use a sprinkler with a fine spray.\* In hot weather, this may mean that you need to water hourly.\*
2. After the first three to four weeks, shift the sprinkler every ten minutes at least twice daily.\*
3. Lawn seed will germinate between 7-28 days, depending on weather conditions, correct care and type of seed mix.\*
4. After the first 6-8 weeks, leave sprinkler in place for around 30 minutes, if your lawn is on a level area. If on a slope, it will be a matter of trial and error to see that you do not get excessive run off.
5. Once established, deep watering can be done less often. To gauge the correct time required to achieve this, place a cup or rain gauge under the sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill up to 2.5cm (1 inch).

### WEEDING

Remove all weeds as they appear, especially Broadleaf weeds as they will smother new lawn, and spread quickly. Weed spraying should be left until the lawn is strong enough, no earlier than 6-8 weeks.

### MOWING

1. New lawn needs to be cut approximately 3 weeks after planting, or when 5cm in height, with the mower blades set on high and the catcher in place.
2. Never cut the lawn too low as this will cause water stress, unless it is a running grass such as Couch or Kikuyu, then once established mow low in warmer weather. Never cut off any more than 1/3 of the leaf in one cut.
3. Gradually cut your lawn down to 4cm but never lower, leaving it 4-5cm during hotter months.
4. After the lawns have been mowed 2-3 times, if you are on a follow up service we check the lawn and fertilise about 6-8 weeks after the job is completed for a small charge. At this time, providing the instructions have been followed.
5. If any reseeding is necessary then this is organised at no charge to you (this service is available once only). Any further seeding will be charged for.

### FERTILISING LAWN

- New lawns require feeding at about 6-8 weeks old, then again once every season.
- If you are on a regular follow up service, we will do this for a small charge automatically and if any other problems are evident then we will advise you.

### IMPORTANT TIPS

- Mowing weekly creates a thicker, healthier lawn and deters weed growth. Remember to always leave the catcher on!
- Frequent water is vital during the first summer.\*
- Lawns can take up to 12 months to be completely established so please have patience and persevere.

### PLEASE NOTE

- Lawns are like any other growing, living thing; then too suffer disease and are prone to attacks from nature in the form of insects and weather.
- If you see any change in the lawn or are at all concerned, please ring us in the office so we can advise you the best we can, or arrange for someone to call.
- Couch, Kikuyu and Diocrondra seeds can take longer to fully germinate depending on the weather.

If you have any queries, please call the above number.

Thank you for choosing us.

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\*Please amend as per water restrictions which can be found at [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au)