

“Starter Lawn” Maintenance

The warranty does not include the replacement of seeding, sod and/or landscaping.

For a beautiful lawn, please follow this lawn maintenance schedule:

- Mow your lawn to the proper height (no shorter than 3 inches tall). Cutting the grass too low can stress and damage the lawn.
- It is important to keep your lawn mower blades sharp so that the grass blades are cut rather than pulled out or torn.
- Do not rake newly seeded lawns; if possible, bag or collect clippings to encourage new growth.
- With starter lawns, there will be areas that require you to spot seed.
- Stones which surface to the top are normal and should be removed by hand.

WATER, WATER, WATER

This is the most important item your new starter lawn needs.

- **Seeded lawn**

Begin watering immediately, preferably in the morning, to establish a moist soil condition.

In hot weather, disease and fungus will attack wet grass, so allow time for the grass to dry before nightfall.

The amount of water your lawn requires will vary depending on the type of soil you have, humidity, wind, and rainfall.

- **Sodded lawn**

Sod should be kept moist until the sod is well established (roots have grown into soil). This usually takes 3-4 weeks. After turf begins to grow, reduce watering to 2-3 times a week. When watering, leave sprinkler in the same spot until the ground is fully saturated.

Your lawn will need to be fertilized and/or limed.

Do not fertilize in hot weather, and always water after applying fertilizer.

Suggested Fertilizer Guidelines

(For NY & OH, add 1 month to this schedule)

Mid – February through March 1st

Crabgrass preventer with fertilizer
Lime (palletized) 10-20lbs/1,000 square feet

April 1st through April 30th

Fertilizer (with weed control)

May 15th through June 15th

Diazinon or Dursban granules (insect control)

September 15th through October 15th

De-thatch
Aerate soil
Fertilizer
Lime (palletized)
Over-seed entire lawn

For problem areas with no grass, you should:

- Blend peat moss or topsoil into existing soil
- Sow seed, lime and start fertilizer
- Rake seed into soil
- Cover with wheat straw
- Keep moist until seed germinates

For “yard settlement,” please refer to your One-Time Settlement Repair Certificate