

Hydroseeding
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Your new hydroseeded lawn

To nurture a thick, lush lawn from hydro-seed is easy and economical. It also creates a healthier, carefree lawn than sod. Twin Oaks has used the best selections of grass seeds and blended them together for maximum beauty and lowest maintenance. We have applied this mix with fertilizer, water, and moisture grabbing mulch. However, this mixture isn't grass yet, and if you're wondering what's going to happen next, well, most of what happens next is dependent on what you do, and how well you do it. In essence you have 45 days to "make or break" your hydro-seed lawn.

Here's what to do and what to expect:

Week I Care

Since all grass seeds sprout on the surface, they are very vulnerable to sun, wind, and drying. Each time the surface dries out, a percentage of your lawn is killed. To combat this, use frequent light sprinklings of the surface one to three times daily after an initial good soaking when the seed goes down. A hand held nozzle works well, or you can use sprinklers. Start watering in early morning, and again in mid-day - avoid late evening if possible.

Results

At the end of the week you may see the grass starting to sprout if the weather is moderate. (7-10 days)

Week II Care

Continue watering as before one to three times daily with light sprinkling. Always keep the surface moist, especially during the heat of the day, in the early afternoon, but not mushy. The more consistent your watering schedule the better lawn you will have. If you start to see some weeds sprouting this is normal, these weeds are annuals and the following year you can spray a pre-emergent herbicide to have a weed free lawn.

Results

Expect weeds, they are inevitable, but they are only annuals. They die with the first frost in fall. If you properly care for your new lawn they will not overtake the yard. Don't give up!

Week III

Keep watering as before. 75-80% of the seed is still on the surface and must be kept constantly moist, but not to the point of becoming mushy. (As the grass grows and shades the surface from the sun and wind, the water will last longer.). Do not miss any watering or you may end up with more weeds than grass. Weed seed is prevalent in all soils and doesn't require the care grass does when germinating. Another 20-30% of the seed will begin to sprout at the end of the week depending on temperature.

If the grass has reached three to four inches than it is time to start mowing. Mowing will help teach the grass to spread horizontally rather than vertically and help establish a thick turf. Start by setting your mower at three and half inches. This will help prevent you from scalping the grass. Never cut more than one third of the grasses total height.

Results

The lawn will appear very spotty, patchy, and even show some bare spots. **This is normal**, as is the appearance of weeds, which all soils contain. Remember that weeds are temporary annuals, and the grass is permanent or perennial. Our seed mixes have less than 1/10 of 1% weed content.

Week IV Care

Continue to water more deeply and less frequently. Remember to not let the grass become dry or mushy. As the lawn fills and shades the ground, waterings will last longer. Start mowing on a regular basis, if you are producing a lot of clipping than

you may need to use a bagger so it does not smother the new grass. The fertilizer we have used has now been used up by the new grass and it is time to replenish you lawn with some more nutrients. I would recommend a fertilizer that has an N-P-K ratio of 16-16-16 or 8-24-24. You can over do it, so have a professional apply it or follow fertilizer recommendations.

Results

At the end of this week, your turf should be starting to fill in. The fertilizer will take some time to take effect so be patient.

Week V Care

Water more deeply and regularly at least once every day. Never skip regular watering for longer than one day unless weather dictates otherwise.

Results

The majority of you seed should now have sprouted. The new fertilizer should really make them fill out in size and color. The lawn may still look patchy and uneven...don't worry, it will even out soon as the individual plants begin to send out shoots and "knit itself together".

Week VI Care

Continue watering to keep the surface "moist" mow at a 3" height, and leave grass clippings on, but do not allow matting after mowing. If the grass looks yellow/brown in color and stunted, apply lawn food at once. Do not use any weed killers.

Results

Although a lawn requires two seasons to mature, yours should be looking quite presentable, unless the weather has been very hot or cold and germination dates have been slowed. Remember it takes the sod farms 1-2 years before their grass is good enough to sell. Don't expect yours to do better.

First Year Care

By now the lawn should look quite full and much less patchy. Congratulations on a job well done!

Continue to feed with lawn food during the growing. Water on a regular basis without large gaps in your applications. Apply broadleaf weed killers if needed.

Second year and beyond care

Feed your lawn three to four times a season. Apply broadleaf weed killer and crabgrass preventer as needed. Water enough to prevent a "burn-out" of your lawn which can allow weed seeds which are otherwise dormant to sprout. Water in the morning or mid afternoon during really hot weather to reduce heat stress on new grass. Do not use power rake or remove thatch until it is 3/4" thick (6-10 years). Thatch serves as a protective blanket to protect your lawn.

Hydroseeding warranty:

Twin Oaks Environmental warrants that Hydroseed was applied at specified rates by a Qualified Professional Hydroseed Applicator. Implied in Twin Oaks Environmental Warranty is Manufacturer [seed, fertilizer, etc...] product warranties. Twin Oaks Environmental does warranty to customer a full germination of turf grass and a healthy stand of grass for 90 days, under the following conditions/exceptions:

1. Seeded areas maintained according to our printed instructions given to you once the job was completed.
2. Potential challenges must be brought to our attention during the first 14 days following application.
3. Irrigation system must be able to properly water all seeded areas evenly and adequately.
4. Twin Oaks Environmental is not responsible for weed competition or their eradication.
5. Fertilizer must be applied at appropriate rates and times as listed in our instructions
6. Not responsible for Acts of God, vandalism or anything else beyond Twin Oaks Environmental's control. Including drought, torrential rains and other weather related conditions.

Hydroseed is a live product! It will be necessary to water within 24 hours of application. Hydroseed is perishable and will die if it is not watered or taken care of properly.