



Instructions for New Lawn Installation

Simplified Instructions for New Lawns:

- Install 3" - 4" of good loosened topsoil (ideally with organic compost mixed in)
- Spread an organic fertilizer
- Spread Pearl's Premium seeds according to the concentration shown on the back of the bag
- Water in the morning for one month
- Once lawn is established, cut 3-4 inches high and always with a sharp lawn mower blade
- Over-seed following season to ensure thickest possible lawn

Detailed Instructions (New Lawn) for the Ultimate Green Lawn:

- **Install Topsoil Bed:** Install 3" - 4" of good loosened topsoil to provide healthy bed for grass to grow in. If you are ordering soil for delivery, ask for the high quality loam that has been screened for inorganic materials (e.g. rocks, trash) and has organic compost mixed in. Rake to smooth soil
- **Add Nutrients:** Spread small amount of organic compost, 1/4 inch layer which equals 3/4 cu. yard for every 1,000 sq ft to help start seeds. This fertilizes your lawn for a year and helps keep out future weeds and grubs. Choose organic compost or fertilizer for healthiest living environment.
- **Spread Seed** at 15 seeds per square inch (at this rate a 5# bag covers 1,000 square feet) or spread extra thick at 25 seeds per square inch (at this rate use 8# to cover 1,000 square feet) to ensure a thick lawn. Apply with a spreader going in two directions at right angles to each other for even spread. Gently rake into soil to just barely be covered.
- **Consider Hydro-Seeding:** You may want to hire a professional to HYDRO-SEED if you your lawn has substantial slope or your are seeding under doubtful weather conditions (e.g. early/late season frost or late spring/late summer heat). Make sure they add a tackifier (a glue like mixture) to the HYDRO-SEED mix to ensure the seeds stay in place until germination occurs.
- **Roll Seeds into Dirt** with an empty to 1/4-full roller (no more water than 1/4 to not compact soil). Rolling seeds in for good soil contact is especially important if you have any kind of slope to prevent erosion.
- **Water** every day (if it does not rain) for 3 weeks in the early morning for 20-30 minutes or whatever length of time that moistens down to one inch. Set up an automatic timer if you cannot do it regularly. In warmer weather or for well-drained soil, water a second time for 20 minutes at 3 pm. Never water after 5 pm in the evening to avoid encouraging fungal disease. After 3 weeks, cut back to watering every 2 days, for the next 2 weeks. Adjust watering timing and length of time for your soil to stay moist but avoid puddling overnight. If you seed in the spring, supplemental watering may be required (for the first year only) during hot summer (or drought) periods. In such cases, water one inch, once per week, in the morning. If you seed in the fall, after one month of watering you can stop watering. Watering to get established is essential but after that watering will actually help the weeds and old grasses more than the Pearl's Premium.
- **Over-seed Next Season:** Cut with sharp blade when lawn is dry; cut grass in stages, 1/3 of grass height at a time, cutting back to 1" tall; rake away clippings, and over-seed at the same rate or heavier rate to later shade the soil and prevent weeds from starting in June. This second seeding (over-seeding) is very important to help out-compete weeds, cover any bald patches and correct erosion/damage and thicken the lawn. Water for a month (same as above), over-seeding to thicken lawn.

Enjoy your lush, low maintenance lawn!

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