

CARING FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE: PROPER WATERING DURING OVERSEED

Why Is Proper Watering Important?

Proper irrigation can conserve water, save you money and ensure a healthy, beautiful lawn come winter. Once you've applied the seed, the following tips will help you along the way.

Water You To Do??

- **DO** inspect for system deficiencies. Prior to seeding, inspect your irrigation system for clogged nozzles and leaking or broken sprinklers.
- **DO** setup 3-4 watering cycles per day. Applying too much water in one increment results in the ground reaching a saturation point, causing any additional water to run-off and be wasted.
- **DO** make a check to avoid puddles. Always make sure the water from the previous cycle has been absorbed before starting the new watering cycle. If it hasn't, reduce the run time for that zone.

Water You NOT To Do??

- **DO NOT** overwater. Seedlings can tolerate being a bit on the dry side for a short period but will fail quickly if drowned.
- **DO NOT** mow when the lawn is wet. (HINT: Turn the water off for a day before your first mow.)
- **DO NOT** forget to pat yourself on the back for a job well done. By following these tips, you'll surely have a beautiful lawn and cheaper water bill.



Overseed Water Schedule

Water Schedule 1 - Germination

Watering 3-4 cycles a day for 5-10 minutes is sufficient. Your goal is to keep the seed damp until it germinates which should take about 7 days.

Water Schedule 2 - Grass Reaches 1.5 to 2 Inches Tall

When your grass is about 1.5 inches tall, it's ready for the first mow. Now is also the time to reduce watering to one cycle a day.

Water Schedule 3 - Lawn Is Established

After the second or third mow, depending on temperature, wind, rain, and soil conditions, water every other week or as often as 2 to 3 times per

QUICK TIP

Many landscapers and homeowners tend to over water. Use a screwdriver to test your lawn. If it goes in easily, there is plenty of moisture in the soil. If it's a struggle to push it, you probably need to give your lawn more water.



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