

LEFEBER TURF FARM



Top Quality Turf Grown In Skagit Valley

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MAINTENANCE GUIDELINE FOR HYDRO SEEDING

Important! Begin Watering Immediately! Your Hydro-mulching application contains grass seed that requires a continuous supply of moisture in order to germinate. This moisture may come from rainfall or watering. Note that it is not uncommon that weeds will come up with the lawn but a healthy regimen will be your best bet for weed control until your lawn is established.

Watering

Initial Watering: 1st four weeks or until established

During the establishment phase, once-a-day watering is usually appropriate during spring and fall. However, the weather conditions may require more or less water. On hot summer days three or more times a day may be required. Avoid making puddles and/or washing away hydro mulching topsoil, but water thoroughly. Do not water during the hottest part of the day, 10am to 4pm you may burn the grass.

Established Watering:

Water approximately 2 times per week to the accumulation of 1/2" of water per application. To prevent root rot, allow enough time between watering to allow the soil surface to dry. Increase watering in very hot weather, and decrease during periods of heavy rainfall.

Mowing

A new lawn should be mowed as soon as the grass blades are 2-3 inches tall. Delaying the first cutting may allow long grass blades to bend over, causing a shabby appearance. Subsequent mowing should be done often and lawn mower blades should always be kept sharp to prevent bruised and torn grasses, which develop unsightly brown spots. A good rule of thumb is to never mow off more than one-third of the grass during any one cutting.

Initial Fertilizing Program

The lawn will need a strong application of balanced fertilizer after the first mowing and again 30 days later. Apply fertilizer on the lawn area when it is dry, then water thoroughly. Repeat in 30 days. Use standard balanced fertilizer, which is available at most any lawn supply store such as: 21-7-14, 16-16-16, 15-5-10 or 12-4-8. Apply at recommended rates; usually about 7-8 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. DO NOT USE WEED AND FEED FERTILIZER ON A NEW LAWN. If you have weeds coming up, use a weed killer directly on the weed. We do not recommend a weed killer sprayed over the entire lawn.

If you have any questions please call our office, we will be happy to assist you.



YOUR NEWLY ESTABLISHED LAWN NEEDS CAREFUL ATTENTION FOR IT TO DEVELOP INTO A LUSH, MATURE LAWN. HERE'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT:

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MOWING

- ⤴ Discontinue watering one day prior to mowing to allow the soil surface to dry and stabilize. As with any lawn, no more than 1/3 of the grass blade should be removed at any one mowing. Recommended heights is 1½" to 2".
- ⤴ For the health of your lawn, keep the blade of your mower sharp.

FERTILIZING

An ongoing fertilizing program is as essential as watering to produce a lush lawn. Your lawn will stay healthy and green when it receives a steady supply of food. More light applications of fertilizer are better than fewer heavy applications, and will produce more consistent grass color and rate of growth.

Application rates for fertilizers are approximately 7-8 Lbs per 1,000 sq. ft.

- ⤴ Apply a 21-7-14 fertilizer one month later.
- ⤴ After the first month, based on the vitality and color of the lawn, apply a 21-7-14 fertilizer every month during the growing season (March thru September).
- ⤴ Apply one application of a fall & winter fertilizer (12-10-10) or (10-20-20) in October or November. Time this application at about the last mowing of the season.
- ⤴ A good way to remember when to fertilize is to do it around the following 5 holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Halloween.

INSECTICIDE

Apply insecticide once a year either in the fall for preventive maintenance (Oct 1 - Oct 31) or in spring

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