

Caring for a Newly Hydro Seeded Lawn!



Care and watering

After you're newly Hydro seeded lawn is in place, maintenance is very important, particularly for the first month.

Successful seed germination and rooting depends on several days of special care. To assure proper germination **you, as the home owner, must water on a regular basis.** If you are not able to do this ask Precision to assist you. We want to make your project a success.

Precision Landscape suggests watering two times a day, Just enough to get the top surface of the hydro mulch wet. If the weather is dry, windy and/or warm you may need to water more – up to three or four times per day. By keeping your hydro mulched lawn moist on a consistent basis you will maximize seed germination.

You may walk on the hydro seeded surface when watering. But be careful not to twist or turn, walk as though you were on rice paper. Try to focus your walking only on areas that are dryer, and try to not disturb the mulch mat.

By watering regularly and keeping your new seedlings from drying out you will insure the beginnings of a lawn that will make your neighbors green with envy.

Once your new grass is growing vigorously (about 3" high) you can start cutting back on your watering - once per day - and eliminate watering if you are blessed by good rains for a couple of days. You can now harden off the turf plant and force your root system to grow deeper. If you water too much the roots will stay at the top, close to the surface, and your lawn will not have any stability. .

Fertilizing

Once your lawn is about 3" high use a fertilizer to give it an extra push to increase density. I would suggest a fertilizer that is higher in nitrogen (the first of the 3 numbers on the bag). For example: 13-3-10. The numbers do not need to be exactly the same as this example.

Be careful **DO not OVER APPLY.** You can make repeated applications over the summer if needed. In this case, **more is not better.**

When Precision Landscape & Irrigation, LLC installs your lawn, we use a high phosphorus or "starter fertilizer." The phosphorus will stimulate root growth and in the early stages it is important to get good root growth before you stimulate a vigorous top growth with nitrogen.

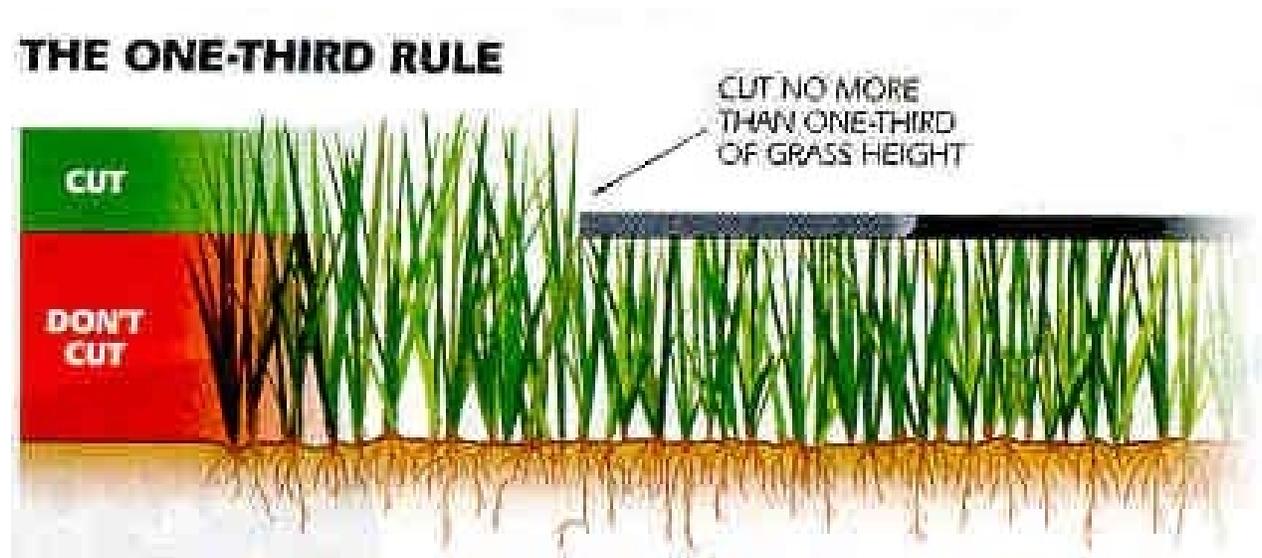
Another important factor (immediately after you fertilize your lawn) water it. You need to get the fertilizer off of the leaf blades because it could cause burn. In this case you can water heavier to make sure you get penetration through your soil surface.

If you need help with fertilizing don't be afraid to give Precision a call.

Mowing

Mowing can begin once your new lawn is 3" tall in most areas. You must make sure you have a sharp blade. You could pull the grass from the ground if your blades are dull.

Mowing stimulates growth and increases thickness. Set the mower high at first, and then gradually lower. Try to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass plant at a time



One major mistake people make is cutting their lawn too short. I would recommend that you keep the height of your lawn between 2.75" and 3.75" to maintain a healthy vigorous lawn that is able to compete with weeds and diseases.

Continued care

Talk to Precision Landscape to establish a program for continued care of your lawn. With regular applications of fertilizer and treatments for weed and insect problems, customized for your lawn, Precision can make your lawn envy of the neighborhood.

If you have more questions about hydro seeding, maintenance or your applications. Contact Precision Landscape & Irrigation LLC.