



## Hydroseed Care – Quick Guide

### Watering (Most Important)

- Keep the top 2–3 inches of soil moist for the first 2–4 weeks
- Water 2–3 times per day for short sessions (5–10 minutes)
- Water early morning and daytime; avoid watering after dark
- Adjust for weather: more in hot/dry conditions, less in cool/rainy weather

Tip: Fewer, longer watering sessions are better than many short ones once seedlings appear.

### Mowing

- First mow when grass reaches 2–3 inches
- Never cut more than 1/3 of the blade at one time
- Use sharp blades and change mowing direction each time

### Fertilizing

- Starter fertilizer is included in the hydroseed mix
- Apply additional fertilizer 4–6 weeks after installation
- Use a balanced lawn fertilizer (example: 14-14-14 or 15-7-10)
- Avoid weed-and-feed products until grass has been mowed 4+ times

### Traffic

- Keep foot traffic off the lawn for at least 6 weeks
- Uneven growth is normal early on due to sun, shade, and moisture differences

### Weeds & Pests

- Do not apply weed control for the first 6–8 weeks
- A thick, healthy lawn is the best defense against weeds
- Maintain proper watering, mowing, and fertilizing

### What to Expect

- Germination: 7–14 days
- First mowing: 4–6 weeks
- Full establishment: 6–9 months

### Pro Tips

- Water early to reduce evaporation and disease
- Avoid mowing wet grass
- Optional soil preparation or grading can improve results in poor soils

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