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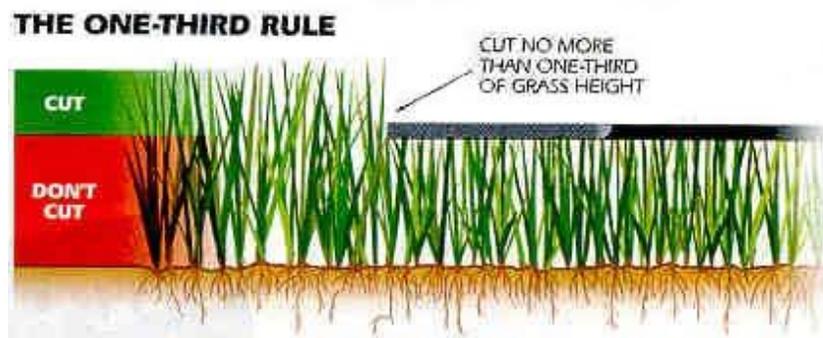
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## CARE AND WATERING OF YOUR HYDROSEEDED LAWN

Your hydro seeded application contains grass seed that requires a continuous supply of moisture. This moisture must come from rainfall or watering. It's not likely that it will rain every day over the initial two to three week period, so be sure to water frequently, enough to keep moisture in the soil.

During the establishment phase, once-a-day watering is usually appropriate during March and April. On warmer days, two or more waterings a day may be required. Avoid puddling and washing, but water thoroughly. Keeping the soil moist is very important during this germination phase of your lawn. Should the soil dry out, the newly germinated seedlings will die and your lawn will need to be re-seeded at an additional cost.

**The second phase of the watering program beings when the overall grass is about 1" tall.** Gradually reduce the frequency of watering to twice a week, again depending upon weather. On warmer days, you may want to water more frequently.



A new lawn should be mowed as soon as the grass blades are 2" to 3" high. Delaying the first cutting may allow long grass blades to bend over, causing a shabby appearance and not allowing the slower germinating seeds to establish. 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.

**Try to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass at a time.** One general rule for mowing is that the shorter you want to mow the more often you need to mow to maintain healthy grass

## FERTILIZING

**About one month after hydroseeding, fertilize your new lawn using a high nitrogen** (the first of the 3 numbers on the bag) fertilizer and water thoroughly. A high phosphorus or "starter fertilizer" was used when your lawn was hydroseeded. The phosphorus stimulates root growth, and in the early stages it is important to get good root growth before you stimulate a vigorous top growth with nitrogen. Then after another month, fertilize again. Do not use weed killer on a new lawn. You will need to fertilize 4 times a year to maintain a healthy lawn.