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# How to Plant a Lawn

## 1. SITE PREPARATION

*Before planting, remove existing vegetation from the planting site with a non-selective herbicide such as Round-Up or by hand pulling weeds. Till the site to a depth of 6 inches. Level the area and apply a starter fertilizer such as our **15-16-16**. Rake smooth, filling in any low spots. Roll or water the area to settle the soil.*

## 2. SEEDING

*Apply seed at the rate of 8 lbs. / 1000 square feet, covering the area evenly. Lightly rake the seed into the soil a depth of 1/8" to 1/4". Do not plant the seed deeper than 1/4". Water the entire area lightly to settle the soil and assure good soil/seed contact.*

## 3. WATERING

*Keep seed bed moist until germination is complete, keeping the seed damp but not soaking wet. A new planting should never be allowed to dry out. After grass is established (usually 3-6 weeks), water your lawn less frequently, but for longer periods of time. This infrequent, deep watering encourages the grass plants to produce a deeper root system, increasing their drought tolerance and reducing their need for fertilizer.*

## 4. MOWING

*When your lawn has reached about 3 inches tall, mow off about 1 inch. This mowing will encourage your lawn to begin filling in to produce a thick, healthy turf. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the leaf surface at a time. Maintain lawn at 1 1/2 - 3 inches tall.*

## 5. WEED CONTROL

*Weed seed is present in the soil. If weeds sprout in your new stand of grass, wait until after the third mowing before applying a weed killer. New grass plants are easily killed by a premature application. Apply a weed killer approved for lawns. Follow all label directions.*

## 6. FERTILIZING

*For faster establishment and a thicker lawn, fertilize your lawn 4-6 weeks after planting. A spring, summer and fall fertilization should be a part of your yearly lawn care.*

