

SOUTHERN Hydro-Lawn EASY SEEDING

WATERING



Guidelines to be adjusted if it rains

Week One - Two: *(or until blades of grass are visible)*

Hydrolawn will need to be kept moist, frequent light sprinkles are recommended. However if this is not possible, then two good 20-30 minute applications morning and evening over entire lawn area recommended. If water pools, it is too much.

Week Two - Three:

A good 20-30 minute applications morning or night over entire lawn area recommended.

NB:

Increased waterings may be required near buildings and walls where reflected heat can dry the grass. During this initial period, the lawn will be very soft and it is recommended to stay off as much as possible, particularly in the first week.

Week Four Onwards:

2-3 Waterings of 20-30 minutes per week during heat of summer. In more moderate weather one good watering per week will generally be sufficient.

IMPORTANT:

Again, remember soil types, weather, rainfall and the quality of lawn desired should all be considered when determining need of watering. Overwatering can cause depletion of nutrients from the soil which can result in the lawn looking faded or yellowish in colour *(see fertilizing)*.

MOWING



Hydrolawn should be mown when the grass blades reach a length of around 50mm. It is important not to let lawns grow too long as this can cause extensive damage. Timing of each mowing should not be based on the calendar, but on the rate at which the grass grows as different areas and times of the year can demonstrate quite different rates of growth. Ideally your lawn should be mowed at 20mm. However, this can vary depending on the time of year - you may like to raise your mower 2-3mm during the summer months.

It is a good idea to mow your lawn in different directions each mowing as this will assist the blades in maintaining an erect habit. Maintaining a sharp blade is necessary as a dull blade will shred the grass. Your mower blade should be sharpened at least once a month to maintain a clean cut for optimum growing results.

Under normal conditions we would expect you to mow the hydrolawn for the first time after week three. However if the lawn has been under or over watered, in a windy area or has been subjected to cold weather, this will delay growth.



FERTILISING



Fertilising is important to keep your lawn healthy. So a light application of lawn fertiliser should be applied after 6-8 weeks. This will help further the lawn's development. Once a lawn is established, 6 week applications of lawn fertiliser between spring and autumn will assist in maintaining a healthy green lawn.

Depleting fertiliser levels will leave the lawn looking faded or yellowish in colour - this is a good sign that it might be lacking fertiliser. When applying fertiliser, ensure it is well watered in, ideally apply during a period of rain. Be sure to read the fertiliser label prior to application and follow all recommendations. Failure to do so may result in burning or other detrimental effects.

When applying fertiliser, try to use either a hand or wheeled spinner as this will give a more even distribution, minimising the risk of striping on the lawn caused by missed areas. If you are unable to obtain a spinner, then pour fertiliser into a bucket and distribute by hand, using an upward motion when throwing to maintain a more even distribution.

WEED CONTROL



Weeds will appear in your lawn - they derive from seeds which have lain dormant in the ground or which have been carried in by wind, birds or in contaminated lawnmowers. With hydrolawn, weeds will germinate at the same rate as the grass, This is very common and can easily be remedied by applying a flat weed spray. It is important with newly seeded lawns, that chemicals are not applied for a minimum period of 12 weeks, during which time the lawn require at least 1 application of lawn fertiliser.

Regular applications of a flat weed spray to establish lawns twice yearly during spring and autumn will control most flat leaf weeds. It is important when using any chemicals, that you follow all label instructions.

When applying chemicals to lawns, you need to use a garden knapsack with a fan nozzle. It is important when spraying, to walk over the lawn at a steady pace, watching the edge of the fan, ensuring a 30% overlap. This is done to obtain a full, even coverage.

Please note the aftercare recommendations are a general guideline only. Every lawn will have slightly different aftercare requirements due to variation in conditions e.g variations in soil, temperature, wind exposure.

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*Normally ready
to mow in
three weeks*