



*Cornerstone congratulates you on the start of a picture perfect lawn! To ensure the lawn has the best start possible, please following these simple watering guidelines:*

#### **NEWLY SEEDED LAWN AREAS**

- 1) The seeded area has been mulched with straw or another material. These materials aid in the water retention of the soil, which is critical for proper new seed germination. If you notice any areas where the mulch material has been compromised (wind, erosion, etc.), please adjust the material to lightly cover those bare areas again.
- 2) For the first two weeks, it is most important to keep the soil damp. Since the seed is in the top ½ inch of the soil, deep watering is not necessary. Frequent (daily) light watering is best to maintain a damp seed bed. Continue this process until ...
- 3) Once the new grass reaches a height ready to be mowed, stop watering for 2-4 days before to allow the soil to dry enough to mow without damaging the soil or new grass.
- 4) After the first cut, begin watering twice a week to apply a total of ½ inch of water per time to the entire lawn area. So now you are watering heavier, less frequently than before the first mowing. Do this for another 3-4 weeks. NOTE: To determine amount of water being applied, you can set a pie pan or similar out in the area of the sprinkler to measure the amount of water being applied. Overwatering will not hurt the lawn.
- 5) After you have mowed the new lawn 2-4 times, begin watering once a week applying 1" of water per occasion. Overwatering will not hurt the lawn. You may need to water twice a week under hot, dry weather conditions.

#### **NEWLY SODDED LAWN AREAS**

- 1) Immediate heavy watering (1/2" or more) each day is required for the first 3-4 days. This is to stimulate the roots to grow into the existing soil. NOTE: To determine amount of water being applied, you can set a pie pan or similar out in the area of the sprinkler to measure the amount of water being applied. Overwatering will not hurt the sod at this point.
- 2) After the first 3-4 days, reduce watering to every other day for one week.
- 3) Once the new grass reaches a height ready to be mowed, stop watering for 2-4 days to allow the soil to dry out enough to mow without damaging the new sod.
- 4) After the first cut, begin watering twice a week to apply a total of ½ inch of water per time to the entire lawn area. Do this for another 3-4 weeks.
- 5) After you have mowed the new lawn 2-4 times, begin watering once a week applying 1" of water per occasion. Overwatering will not hurt the lawn. You may need to water twice a week under hot, dry weather conditions.

*In both circumstances, we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** you contact a lawn care service company to fertilize and control weeds in the new lawn. Please call us for more information on this service, if you have not already made arrangements.*