

# **WATERING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEWLY RENOVATED LAWNS**

## **FOR SEEDED AREAS:**

Water **DAILY** for 10-15 minutes to maintain soil moisture for proper seed germination. Seed should germinate in 1-2 weeks.

Water **DAILY** for 30 minutes once seed has sprouted, and continue on this schedule until grass height = 3” or more and is ready for 1<sup>st</sup> cutting. **Morning** is the best time.

Once grass is 3” or more, reduce watering frequency to twice a week, but increase watering time slightly. Deeper but less frequent watering will encourage deeper root development, making a lawn stronger and less susceptible to drought stress and other problems.

If straw is used, **DO NOT** rake it up. It should break down over time. If not, only remove it (gently) after the grass has been established.

## **FOR SODDED AREAS:**

Water **DAILY for 1.5-2 hours** (2 hours in late Spring) in the **morning**. If area receives full sun, is installed in Summer months, is on a slope with good drainage, or starts to yellow and feel dry or brittle, **double** the watering time. After the sod is established, decrease watering to 1 hour, 2-3 times a week for the remainder of the season. Reduce watering at any time if the sod remains “sopping wet”.