

Post-Overseeding Care Guide

Your Complete Guide to Success

Follow this guide to ensure your new grass seed establishes successfully

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Week 1: Germination Phase (Days 1-7)

Critical Watering

- Water lightly 2-3 times daily for 10-15 minutes each
- Keep soil surface consistently moist but not waterlogged
- Water early morning (6-8 AM) and late afternoon (4-6 PM)
- Use gentle spray settings to avoid washing seeds away

Traffic and Protection

- NO foot traffic on overseeded areas
- Keep all pets off treated areas completely
- Remove any lawn furniture or equipment
- Block access to newly seeded areas if necessary

What to Expect

- Seeds will be visible on soil surface initially
- No visible growth for first 7-10 days typically
- Soil surface should remain consistently dark/moist
- Some seeds may wash to low spots - this is normal

Week 2: Early Growth (Days 8-14)

Watering Adjustments

- Continue frequent light watering schedule
- Reduce to twice daily if germination is visible
- Increase duration slightly to 15-20 minutes
- Never allow soil surface to completely dry out

Traffic Restrictions

- Continue avoiding ALL foot traffic
- Keep pets away from new seedlings
- No mowing even if existing grass is growing
- Maintain strict protection of germinating areas

Monitoring Germination

- Look for tiny green shoots appearing (days 7-14)
- Note areas of good vs. poor germination
- Check for any seed washout in heavy rain
- Document progress with photos

Week 3-4: Seedling Establishment (Days 15-30)

Watering Transition

- Begin reducing watering frequency gradually
- Water once daily for 20-30 minutes
- Focus on deeper watering as roots develop
- Monitor soil moisture 1-2 inches deep

First Mowing Considerations

- DO NOT mow until new grass is 3-4 inches tall
- Wait minimum 3-4 weeks before first mowing
- Use sharp mower blades to avoid pulling seedlings
- Set mower to highest setting (4+ inches)
- Mow only when soil is completely dry and firm
- Remove only 1/3 of grass blade length maximum

Limited Traffic Resume

- Very light foot traffic acceptable after 3 weeks
- Continue keeping pets to absolute minimum use
- No sports, games, or recreational activities
- Avoid any concentrated or repeated traffic patterns

Month 2: Strengthening Phase (Days 31-60)

Watering Schedule

- Transition to every other day watering
- Water for 30-45 minutes per session
- Encourage deep root development
- Adjust frequency based on weather conditions

Regular Mowing Begins

- Mow when new grass reaches 4+ inches consistently
- Keep mower on high setting for first month
- Gradually lower cutting height over several mowings
- Never cut more than 1/3 of blade length
- Bag clippings for first few mowings to reduce stress

Increased Activity

- Resume normal foot traffic patterns
- Allow pets back to regular yard use gradually
- Light recreational activities acceptable
- Monitor new grass areas for wear patterns

Month 3+: Full Establishment (Days 61+)

Normal Maintenance

- Return to regular watering schedule (2-3x weekly)
- Resume normal mowing height preferences
- Regular mowing schedule as grass establishes
- Consider light fertilization if recommended

Complete Activity Resume

- All lawn activities can resume normally
- New grass should be well-established
- Integrated appearance with existing lawn
- Full recreational use acceptable

What To Look For

Signs of Successful Establishment

Week 2-3 Indicators

- ✓ Green shoots visible across seeded areas
- ✓ Consistent germination patterns
- ✓ New grass growing through existing lawn
- ✓ Good color and vigor in seedlings

Month 2-3 Results

- ✓ Noticeably thicker lawn density
- ✓ Filled bare spots and thin areas
- ✓ Uniform color and texture
- ✓ Strong resistance to foot traffic
- ✓ Integrated appearance with existing grass

Warning Signs to Watch For

Germination Issues (Week 1-3)

- △□ Large areas with no visible germination after 14 days
- △□ Seed washing away during watering or rain
- △□ Yellowing or dying seedlings
- △□ Fungal growth or disease symptoms

Establishment Problems (Week 3+)

- △□ New grass not growing or appearing stunted
- △□ Patchy or uneven growth patterns
- △□ New grass dying back after initial growth
- △□ Poor integration with existing lawn

When to Contact Premier Pro Scapes

Immediate Concerns

- Poor germination after 14 days
- Signs of disease or fungal issues
- Significant seed washout
- Questions about watering or care

Follow-up Services

- Spot reseeding for missed areas
- Fertilization timing recommendations
- Integration with existing lawn care program
- Planning future overseeding needs