



WATERING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW SEED/SOD

Seed

- During the germination period of approximately 2 weeks, the client should water 2 to 3 times per day for roughly 5-10 minutes. Almost a mist. The intention is to keep the seed moist, but not to oversaturate and cause run-off. You don't want the seed to dry out. It is best to water during the morning hours before 10:00 AM or the evenings after 5:00 PM. It is ok to walk gently on the seed. For seed to germinate it needs moisture, seed-to-soil contact, and soil for its roots.
- After germination, it is important to water 1.5 inches of water per week. Preferably 2 applications per week of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
- Mow the new lawn when it reaches 2 to 3 inches high.
- Mow when the soil is on the dry side; otherwise, you might tear up the new turf.
- Apply fertilizer about 4 to 6 weeks after germination.
- Milieu highly recommends contracting for seasonal lawn maintenance of fertilizer and weed control once established.

Sod

- During the germination period of approximately 2 weeks, the client should water twice per day for roughly 30 minutes. The intention is to keep the sod saturated, but not to oversaturate and cause run-off. If water starts to puddle, cut back on the watering time.
- It is best to water during the morning hours before 10:00 AM or the evenings after 5:00 PM.
- During the third week, reduce watering to once every second or third day.
- Refrain from walking on the new sod for the first 2-3 weeks.
- After roots are fully “netted-in”, it is important to water 1.5 inches of water per week. Preferably 2 applications per week of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
- Mow the new lawn when it reaches close to 3 inches high, at the highest setting.
- Mow when the soil is on the dry side; otherwise, you might tear up the new turf.
- Apply fertilizer about 3-4 weeks after installation.
- Milieu highly recommends contracting for seasonal lawn maintenance of fertilizer and weed control once established.

