



LAWN CARE LETTER

REFERENCE: Proper maintenance of newly seeded and established lawns.

After the lawn is seeded, put it on a watering schedule. To get a nice lawn it is **“IMPERATIVE”** that you keep the soil moist at all times. Do not water until the soil is muddy. **“KEEP THE TOP 2 TO 3 INCHES OF SOIL MOIST AT ALL TIMES.”** Watering twice a day is better than watering too much at once.

When your grass is 5 inches tall, cut with a **“sharp”** mower blade, down to 3 inches long. As long as your mower distributes clippings evenly, you can mulch them into the lawn. This creates organic matter for the soil. Next season, until your lawn is well established, you may need to catch the clippings. The lawn should be fertilized 4 to 6 weeks after it is up. If not fertilized sufficiently, the lawn can lose vigor or turn an off-color green.

Maintenance after lawn has been mowed at least 3 times should be as follows: start fertilizing around March 1st with a product that includes crabgrass prevention. It is important to do this early. In six weeks (or by May 1) fertilize again. Treat weeds when dandelions are in bloom there are granular and liquid products available in our retail center. Treat for grubs and sod webworms mid-July through August. Fertilize around September 1st if weather permits. Aerate and overseed if needed to thicken grass, then fertilize again six weeks after the first fall (September) feeding. If you follow this plan, you can have a very good lawn. For best results, use good quality slow-release fertilizers, pre-emergent and other lawn products.

Hillermann’s also offers a comprehensive lawn care program. Our program starts in mid March with pre-emergent and fertilizer, through late fall with a fertilization.

If you have any questions feel free to give us a call.

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