

How to Seed Your Lawn



Step 1:

Measure your total lawn area and calculate the square footage (length x width = square footage).

Step 2:

Vigorously rake lawn areas to be seeded to remove debris and expose soil for good seed to soil contact.

Step 3:

Spread starter fertilizer over the entire area to be seeded — Greenhorizons' 10-25-10 (4.5 lb. bag) for small areas under 700 sq. ft. or Greenhorizons' 8-32-16 (55 lb. bag) for larger areas over 700 sq. ft. Spread according to your square footage — 8 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

Step 4:

Generously spread seed over the area — 1 kg will cover approximately 450 sq. ft. in the shade and 750 sq. ft. in the sun.

Step 5:

To ensure good seed to soil contact, the areas should be lightly raked. Raking too hard will redistribute the seed and also plant it too deep. The average depth of seed should be between 2 – 5 mm.

Step 6:

Roll the area with a lawn roller to get good seed to soil contact.

Step 7:

Cover the area with some type of light soil, compost or burlap blanket. Be sure not to bury seed more than 1/2 cm.

Step 8: Water, Water, Water!

First watering should be a deep watering to the point that water puddles. This will help saturate the soil profile that can act as reserves later in the establishment phase. Caution must be given to avoid soil erosion. Each watering after the first should be light and frequent, never allowing the surface to completely dry out.

