



# HYDROSEED

Care Instructions



## What is Hydroseed?

Hydroseed is a process for planting seed. Seed, fertilizer, hydro-mulch, and water are mixed into a tank, and sprayed on areas where turf is desired. It costs far less than sod, and yields the same, or better results.

## How it Works

Water acts as a carrier for the seed. It's mixed in the tank with a wood mulch, which helps keep the seed moist, and jump starts the germination process. This mulch also contains a tackifier, which holds the seed and mulch in place on slopes and hillsides. A high phosphorus, liquid fertilizer is also added to the mix, which develops a strong root system, and help accelerate the process. The green color is a very light, lowgrade food coloring, which is used to help the contractor track where material has been applied.

## Why is it neon green?

Hydro-seed carries a green color. This serves no purpose to lawn growth, but rather is a tracer dye to show the applicator where he seeded, and where he did not. Sometimes the slurry can spray near siding, sidewalks, walls, and other surfaces. Not to worry. The green is a food coloring grade dye, which will not stain. Any overspray not previously cleaned off at the time of application, can easily be brushed off once it dries.

A new lawn takes **TWO** full seasons to establish. A full growing season is considered from spring to fall. It may also take longer under poor conditions.

# To ensure success of your newly Hydroseeded lawn, Follow these 4 Care Instructions

## 1 WATER



The seed bed should be moist, with frequent irrigation cycles.

Water should run long enough to moisten the mulch and seed, but not so much that water runs or pools. Grass will not grow in areas where pooling occurs for more than 1 or 2 minutes, and will cause the seed to rot.

## 3 MOWING



Prevent all pedestrian and vehicular traffic on your lawn For three weeks until the grass is firmly rooted. Growth should be noticeable within the first 7-14 days. Once the grass is three inches high, it is time for its first mowing (typically 3 – 4 weeks). Make sure mower blades are sharp, set at its top height, and remove only the top 1/3 inch off of the newest blade of grass.

**DO NOT** bag the clippings for the first few mowings, allowing them to biodegrade within the new turf helps feed the soil and accelerates plant development.

**DO NOT** allow the grass to grow higher than 5-6 inches. Regular mowing is necessary to establish a healthy yard and control weed growth.

## 2 WEED CONTROL



**DO NOT APPLY WEED CONTROL PRODUCTS** at the first sign of weeds. All soils

contain weed seeds that will germinate quicker than grass seed, therefore, do not be alarmed when weeds appear. As grass becomes established, many weeds cannot survive the grass root system and will die out.

After 3 to 4 months, appropriate weed control chemical can be carefully applied. We recommend waiting until the second season to do any weed control for hydro-seeded lawns.

## 4 TIME



Hydroseed is a mixture of seed types. These seeds all germinate at different rates. Some seed may germinate in as little as a few days, others can take several weeks. It's perfectly normal to have a *"thin" or patchy* start to your lawn.

Seed growth depends entirely on the site conditions, watering conditions, and the weather. The same lawn will germinate at different rates depending on many factors.

Even in the best environment, your lawn may take two, or possibly three full summers to look like a soccer field. Late seeding in the Fall may bring the turf far enough to survive freezing, but should not be counted as a full grow season.



## ADVANTAGES

Hydroseed is a cost-effective way to plant grass, with a considerable less amount of time and labor when compared to sod.

There is no messy straw, it can be completely customizable to a variety of site conditions, and different demands for the desired application.


It is much easier to plant on steep hillsides, with much greater success than hand broadcasting, with quicker germination times.

## OUR WARRANTY

Uneven growth, thin areas, and weed growth are typical. Monitor watering closely, and watch for dry areas or puddling. We only warranty all installation of Hydroseed if proper care including fertilizer has been followed. If you feel after following the care instructions you are having issues, please call us.

## WE DO NOT WARRANTY:

Lack of proper followup fertilizer, heavy traffic on new seed, over or lack of watering, improper fertilization of weed control, heavy rain events or washouts.



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