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## Welcome home to your newly seeded lawn! Here are some care taking tips to ensure it looks as beautiful as it can And can help you achieve the most Optimal Results possible!

There are three main tasks when it comes to the follow-up maintenance involved with the successful culture of your grass. These three tasks are irrigation (watering), fertilization and mowing. Proper performance of these practices ARE VERY IMPORTANT. Yet, overdoing these practices can be equally detrimental which is why Curti's Landscaping, Inc. would like to provide you with the following:

## IRRIGATION & WATERING

To germinate your seed evenly and as soon as possible, the seed must be kept moist. The most common cause of seeding disappointments is failure to water correctly. Grass must have a continuous supply of moisture to germinate. Watering deeply is not needed. Just keep the soil surface moist. If there is adequate rainfall present, and the temperatures are moderate, the seed will germinate with little irrigation. This may change the amount of time required for enough of the seed to germinate and give you an even cover. This is why it is best that you monitor the moistness level of your soil even amidst the presence of what may seem to be adequate natural rainfall. The frequency with which you water should depend completely on how fast the surface you have seeded dries out. Always inspect during the day and DO NOT water late in the day so that standing water will not be present at night. Standing water can bring on an attack of certain turf disease that could kill off your newly thriving turf. And remember that once the seeds sprout, the young tender seedlings must be kept moist until the new grass is well established. Important Note: During the drier summer months, please abide by rules of the county in in regards to water restrictions.

## **MOWING**

Mowing should be started when the majority of the grass is 3 inches high. The cutting height should be no shorter than 2 inches.

## **FERTILIZATION**

After your turf grass base is established fertilizer may be applied at 1 lb. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. feet 2 to 4 times per year. Avoid fertilization in the heat of the summer. Early spring (March, April, May) and Fall (September, October and November) are the best months for fertilization.

