

# Overseeding & Aeration

Today we aerated and overseeded your lawn. Aeration is done to keep air circulating in the soil, which is essential for a healthy root system. If your yard has bare spots, those areas have also been sliced, to help the seed settle into the soil. We have seeded with a premium, 99% weed-free, turf type fescue grass seed. To ensure the best results from the aeration and overseeding, please follow these watering and care instructions. If you have any questions about how to care for your lawn, please call our office so we can help make your seeding a success! Thank you for choosing Schendel to make your life easier and your property more valuable.

## Watering Instructions

Watering is critical! New grass cannot germinate unless it is kept moist. Once wet, it needs to remain wet or it will die, so daily watering of the seeded area is essential. If you have an irrigation system, we are happy to program the watering schedule while we are seeding—just let us know if you'd like us to do so. (If we need to return to re-program, there will be a charge for the visit unless you are a SMART Program customer.) You can also purchase programmable watering systems for use with normal garden hoses. If possible, the best time to water is prior to sunrise and after sunset. This reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation.

### Days 1-10

For best results, water all newly-seeded areas twice daily, beginning the day of seeding. The goal is to keep the seed moist, but to avoid standing water. Too much water will kill the seed. If you are not able to water twice a day, thoroughly water once daily for a longer duration.

### Days 11-20

You should begin to see new grass growth. Continue to water once or twice per day, but reduce the time watering by 25%. As before, we want the ground to be moist, but without standing water. Regular watering is still critical at this point, as it helps build up the roots of the grass which allows for better growth.

### Days 21+

Water less frequently but for longer periods of time to help continue develop deeper root growth. If dry spots develop, increase time or frequency. Once grass has become established, you can reduce watering to three times per week.

### Winter Watering

Just because it is cold doesn't mean your new grass doesn't still need moisture. Winters in Kansas can be very dry, especially if we don't receive a lot of snow. Taking advantage of warmer days (above 45° F) and watering your lawn by hand will help ensure the best results for your newly seeded lawn come spring.

— Please see back for additional care and warranty information —



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### **Mowing:**

Mow as the new seed becomes established. The recommended mowing height is 3 to 3.5 inches. Do not allow the grass to get too tall between mowings. Each time you mow, try not to remove more than 1/3 of the blade, and make sure your mower blade is sharp to help ensure a clean cut.

### **Weed Control:**

Do not apply any type of weed control chemical for 30 days **after** germination. The typical germination period for this grass seed is 7-14 days.

### **Prairie Hay:**

If we use prairie hay for bare areas, some wheat may grow in the spring. It will not harm the grass and will go away with the summer heat.

### **What to Expect:**

Newly seeded lawns require regular watering and care for the seed to successfully germinate. Keeping the seed moist is crucial for growth, which is why following the watering instructions on the front page is so important. With proper watering and care, fall seeding customers can expect a germination rate of approximately 80% around 14-17 days after seed planting. Spring seeding germination rate is approximately 75%, due to heavier weed competition and other environmental variables.

There are environmental variables beyond Schendel's control which may prevent the seed from germinating, including extreme temperatures (hot or cold), tree root and shade competition, insect infestation, heavy rains, and drought. Schendel will warrant fall seedings up to winter dormancy if none of the environmental factors listed above exist and if the seed was properly watered and cared for per the care instructions. Spring seeding is not warranted.

## **Beyond Seeding—WeedZero Lawn Fertilization**

Overseeding is a key component in creating a beautiful lawn. If you are not already a WeedZero customer, this annual lawn fertilization program can help your lawn reach its full potential.

The WeedZero Lawn Fertilization Program is an eight-step program with treatments between early spring and late fall, designed to prevent and eliminate weeds and promote greening of the grass. Weeds treated for include dandelions, clover, crabgrass, nutsedge, and more. Schendel will customize the treatments to meet the needs of your lawn. **And it's WeedZero Guaranteed—if weeds return, Schendel returns for free!**

Other lawn concerns besides weeds? We can also include additional services such as treatments for grubs, bagworms, and chiggers, fleas, and ticks.

Schendel takes care of it all so you don't have to, and you can spend your time relaxing in your yard instead of working in it.