



## Sod & Seed Installation Watering Guide



Thank you for choosing AB Hardscape and Design for your Lawn Installation needs. Please refer to our suggested watering guidelines to extend the success of your lawn. Again, these are guidelines; every site is different. Should you have any questions along the way, *please do not hesitate to contact us.*

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**\*\*REMINDER:** Deep, thorough watering (approx. 2") will encourage a healthier, deeper root system than shallow, frequent watering. \*\*

Keep in mind watering requirements will vary depending on the season:

<b>SPRING-</b>	Requires some watering.
<b>SUMMER-</b>	Will require more diligent watering. Be prepared to water for up to 3 weeks. May need additional watering during exceptionally hot and dry spells.
<b>FALL-</b>	Requires little watering.
<b>WINTER-</b>	No watering required.

### How do I water?-

- DO use a sprinkler (or irrigation system).
- Avoid ‘puddling’ or runoff.
- Do NOT let sod dry out. (Seed should remain moist until germination).
- Limit traffic.

### How OFTEN do I water?-

**SODDED LAWN INSTALLATION-** During warm weather installation, watering must begin within ½ hour of installation. **Do NOT let sod dry out.** Where an in-ground irrigation system is not in place, an oscillating sprinkler on the end of a hose is ideal. Move sprinkler around sodded area(s) about every ½ hour, making sure to provide approximately 2” to ALL areas, especially outer edges. Avoid ‘puddling’, overwatering, or runoff. Allow water to soak into the soil. Sprinklers may take several hours to water entire area. Prepare accordingly. Continue to water 1x per day during Week 1 (unless temperatures exceed 85 degrees, then may need additional). Week 2, water every other day. Week 3 & 4, water 1x per week, if necessary. Hot and dry spells throughout rest of the growing season may also require an extra watering. A good, soaking rain may be sufficient for watering. **Manually check** if sod needs watered by gently lifting corner of a piece of sod. If sod or soil is dry, water. Areas susceptible to dry out first are edges, full sun exposures, areas along concrete or asphalt, and slopes. When **sod is rooted** (2-6 weeks after install) you will no longer be able to easily pull up sod. When this happens, watering can be reduced and mowing can begin.

**SEEDED LAWN INSTALLATION-** Seed should remain moist until germination. Hydro-Seed fibers or straw will help with this. During **Summer** months when natural rainfall does not provide enough precipitation, a sprinkler may be necessary. Move oscillating sprinkler around seeded area(s) about every ½ hour, making sure to provide approximately 2” to ALL areas. Avoid ‘puddling’, overwatering or runoff. Allow water to soak into the soil. Water every day for Week 1. Water every other day during Week 2 when grass is about 1” tall, or as necessary. When grass reaches about 2-3”, grass is ready to mow at a high level. Continue to water 1x per week for Week 3 & 4.

**FALL is great for Lawns!!** Fall is ideal time for lawn establishment. Cooling temperatures mean less watering and less weed competition. This means less work for you! For lawns seeded in fall, generally natural rain fall will be sufficient. Monitor the weather. Should a dry spell occur, water as needed.