



RYE BEACH LANDSCAPING LLC

Watering/Care Guide & Warranty

Seed

Newly seeded lawns need to be kept damp for up to 5 weeks to achieve the best results. Watering should result in a thorough soaking without runoff and may be required up to three times per day (early morning, mid-day and early evening) depending on weather conditions. Light rain showers do not always soak the soil enough; **when in doubt... water!** Do not allow the soil surface to dry out as each time this occurs a percentage of the seed is lost. Water may be reduced to twice daily after 2 mowings and once daily after 4 mowings.

Use a blower to keep leaves and debris off the soil. Light traffic is OK for the purposes of moving sprinklers and debris. Starter fertilizer must be applied after 3 weeks to strengthen and improve the grass. *Please note that a minimum temperature of 50° F is required for seed germination.*

The better lawn grasses such as Kentucky Blue and Fescue take up to 3 weeks to germinate, so be patient and keep watering! Weeds and crabgrass should be expected during seed germination, more so in hot weather. The new lawn grasses will continue germinating and the weeds may be treated out after 4 mowings. **Never** apply any pre-emergent crabgrass control until after 4 mowings (pre emergent is a spring application), but remember to apply a pre-emergent the following spring for best crabgrass control. Mow when grass reaches 3", bag clippings for the first month and **never cut below 3"**...this keeps the soil surface shaded, reducing drought and weed problems. Apply a regular regimen of fertilizer and weed control after 4 mowings and apply a minimum of ½" water twice weekly during dry spells for the best lawn. It is typical to have to overseed in areas of washout and light shade for best coverage. **Your best lawn is the following year after seeding!** Please feel free to call with questions, we're here to help!

*Watering rule of thumb... for newly seeded lawns water 15-20 min 3x/day,
for an existing lawn water 20-30 min every other day.

Sod

On the first day of installation make sure that all areas of new sod get 2 hours of watering.

The second day and for the next 2 weeks, 30-40 min of watering 3 times per day (preferably early morning, mid-day and early evening) thoroughly enough to soak the sod through to the underlying soil and down about an inch. If it rains a significant amount you can reduce watering. After two weeks, watering can be decreased to 15 – 20 min 2x/day.

Sod should be fertilized with a starter type product right away and may be mowed when it is ready (bag clippings for the first month). Never cut below 3", apply fertilizer and weed control regularly and water often during drought.

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Trees & Shrubs

New trees and shrubs should be soaked through at installation and maintained with regular watering. Be careful not to over water though because plant roots need **oxygen** as well as water. Use your hands to determine if the soil has dried down about an inch or two...the weather conditions will determine how quickly this happens. Rain showers and sprinkler systems do not provide adequate water for plants! To water your plants, place a hose right at the base of the trunk and turn it on at a pencil sized trickle. Your goal is to soak the plants root ball all the way though and this may take 20 min to 2 hrs depending on the size of the plant. Soaker type hoses may also be used. **Caution**...many trees and shrubs will **wilt** when **over-watered** as well as when **dry**. Check the soil surface and keep it neither soggy nor bone dry, but somewhere in between. Fertilize at least twice per season with a liquid or a granular product made for trees and shrubs. A Micorrhizal fertilizer will build root growth in all plants...evergreen-specific products may also be used with good results.

*Watering rule of thumb... drip zones for new plants: 30 – 45 min every other day,
drip zones for mature plants: 30 – 45 min every 3 -4 days.

Our Warranty

All of our products are guaranteed to meet industry standards. Plants and grass seed will be true to name and in good shape when installed. Hydroseed will consist of wood/paper fibers, USDA certified seed and fertilizer, but cannot be warranted against washout or drought. Lawn areas may be repaired with additional hydroseed when conditions are appropriate for a nominal fee.

Plant material, unless otherwise noted, is warranted for replacement due to defect or installation error until Dec 1st of the year it was planted. Rye Beach Landscaping shall determine qualifications for replacement. No warranty on any material is given to cover weather, diseases or insects, acts of God or anything else which is out of our control. Rye Beach Landscaping will not be responsible if local municipalities enact watering bans due to drought or other reasons.

Winters in New England are harsh. If you have new plants from a fall installation, these plants need extra protection. We recommend using an anti-transparent spray and/or burlap on any new evergreens. These new plants also need to be watered in the early spring! Every plant, whether a hydrangea or a rose bush, could need specific winter care. Please consider this as you start to prep your yard for the winter.

**Rye Beach Landscaping offers temporary automatic watering systems for rent,, please inquire.

Watering Rules of Thumb Review...

Newly seeded lawn: 15 – 20 min up to 3x/day

Newly installed sod: 2 hours on day 1

30-40 min 2x/day on day 2 and for the next 2 weeks

15 – 20 min 3x/day after 2 weeks

Existing lawn: 20 – 30 min every other day

Drip zones for new plants: 30 – 45 min every other day

Drip zones for mature plants: 30 – 45 min every 3 -4 days

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