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HELPFUL HINTS FOR A BETTER LAWN

The lawn at your new home was recently finished or will soon be finished. We place topsoil on the ground, then we grade and smooth it, fertilize it, seed it, and place straw over the seed. Once we complete that process, it is your obligation to make sure that the grass grows.

To help the seed grow and to keep the straw moist and heavy, you should water your lawn often, early morning is the best time to do this. If you do not adequately water the lawn, your straw might blow away and birds may eat the seed; also if there is no straw, the hot sun can burn the new grass. The seed needs a lot of moisture to germinate. If you do not adequately protect and water your lawn, you will have no grass, only weeds will grow.

In addition to adequately watering your new lawn, you need to keep it cut once it starts. If you don't cut the grass, the weeds will take over and they will overwhelm the new grass.

Also, during the fall and/or spring after the lawn is started, you should add fertilizer and weed killer to the yard. This will keep the grass strong and green. Following is a suggested annual schedule for your lawn maintenance.

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| MID MARCH | - | Apply a pre-emergent weed control, an annual weed and crab grass killer. The purpose is to kill all weed seed before it has a chance to germinate and produce weeds. Then fertilize with 15-15-15 fertilizer at the rate specified on the package. 100 pounds will normally cover an 80x150 lot. This should provide enough nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash to develop a deep root system and a green lawn. |
| MID MAY | - | Apply a broadleaf weed killer. Weed killers should be applied on hot sunny days with no rain within 24 hrs. so the chemical can be absorbed through the weed leaf and the sun can burn it up. |
| LATE MAY | - | Apply 10-10-10 fertilizer. This will build a deep root system and help the lawn survive a hot summer. |
| EARLY SEPT. | - | Fertilize with 10-10-10 again. The long, hot summer took its toll on the grass and it needs help now. Then apply Diazinon granules. This is the height of grub season (a yard killing bug), and Diazinon will control them. Also, overseed or spot seed if your lawn needs it. September is the best month to establish a new lawn. |
| LATE OCT. | - | Fertilize with 15-15-15. This will prepare your grass for winter and build a strong turf and root system. Then apply lime (about 200 pounds for an 80x150 lawn). Lime is needed just about every year in this area. Apply twice as much under trees because the trees leech out nutrients and result in acidic soil near them. |

FOLLOW THE ADVICE ABOVE AND YOUR LAWN WILL BE HEALTHY & LOOK GREAT