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## 5 Easy Steps to Planting Your New Lawn

- 1) **Prepare** -- Kill and remove all existing weeds. Add organic matter and starter fertilizer to the soil, and till or spade into the ground to a depth of 8-12 inches.
- 2) **Roll** – With the roller ½ full of water, roll the area to firm the surface. Rake again to further level and scratch the surface.
- 3) **Sow** – With a spreader, sow the seed following the rate described below, making several passes in different directions. Cover the seed lightly with 1/8 to ¼ inch of organic mulch.  
Bluegrass = 2lbs/1000sq. ft.  
Fescue = 10lbs/1000sq. ft.  
Fine Fescue = 7lbs/1000sq. ft.
- 4) **Water** – Proper watering is critical. The top layer of soil must be kept constantly moist until grass is established and mowed for the first time. In warm weather this could mean watering as often as 3-6 times a day or more. Do not flood!
- 5) **Mow** – Mow for the first time when the grass is about 3 inches tall. Set the cutting height at 2 inches or higher. Continue mowing at this height until the grass has filled in.

## **Re-Seeding**

- ♦ Mow the lawn as short as possible and rake out dead and loose vegetation. Loosen the surface of any exposed soil. Then follow steps 3 and 4 above. Mow for the first time when the existing lawn reaches 3-4 inches tall. Then follow step 5 above.