



# ***Planting New Lawns***

**Planting your own lawn seed is EASY!**

**What you'll need: Lawn Seed  
T&C Seed & Sod Starter**

*Optional: Fertilizer Spreader  
T&C Premium Lawn Food  
Hose & Sprinklers*



**When can you plant?** Plant any time from early April through late September. Mid-August through mid-September is the very best time to seed a lawn. Spring is also good. Excellent results can also be had in the summer if you water often to keep the soil surface from drying.

**Step 1: Prepare the soil.** Use a roto-tiller, preferably a rear-tine tiller, to go over the area to be seeded, tilling 2 to 4 inches in depth. Rake out stones and debris, and level as needed. (If quackgrass or other noxious weeds are present see back for instructions on removal.)

**Step 2: Apply T&C Seed & Sod Starter** following label directions. This high phosphate fertilizer encourages rapid root development and will go a long way toward helping your lawn get off to a great start. Also use it before you lay sod.



**Step 3: Spread grass seed.** Broadcast spreaders are best, but drop spreaders can also be used. If neither of these is available, seed may be hand sown using a sweeping motion to get an even distribution. This technique requires a little practice but can be satisfactory for small areas. (Spreader settings on reverse side.)

**Step 4: Water** thoroughly immediately after seeding, and continue to keep moist by watering one to three times a day until the seed is germinated. Hot or windy days will require more frequent watering than cool cloudy days. Remember that it will take up to 30 days for all the bluegrass to germinate. Do not allow the surface to dry out during this period. Improper watering is the primary cause of failure when starting new lawns. Also, avoid watering too long in one setting or puddling and run off may occur.

*(See reverse for additional information)*

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## Noxious Weeds

If there are noxious weeds present (i.e. quackgrass, canadian thistle, field bindweed) be sure to eradicate them before planting. When weeds have grown to about 4 to 6 inches in height or width spray with KillzAll according to the directions on the package. Do not use pre-emergents or soil sterilants that may prevent everything from growing for a long period of time. If the infestation is severe you may want to roto-till after 2 weeks, wait for re-growth and spray again.

## Caring For Your New Lawn

Watering- Once the lawn seed has all germinated, decrease the frequency and increase the amount of each watering so that you are eventually providing ½" of water every three days during hot weather. Sandy soils need more frequent watering. Clay soils should be watered less often.

Feeding- Apply *T&C Premium Lawn Food* thirty days after most of the seed has germinated. This is a very important step to keep the lawn from "stalling". Thereafter, follow our 4-Step lawn program.

Mowing- Do not mow until the grass has reached a height of 3 inches. A mowing height of 1½ to 3 inches is recommended thereafter.

Broadleaf Weed Control- Do not apply any herbicides until after the third mowing. Thereafter you will apply weed killer in the fall per our 4-Step program. In addition you may need to spot spray lawn weeds in April with Weed Free Zone.

## Seeding Rates

Sow bluegrass seed mixes at the rate of 3 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Below are some guidelines for the most common spreaders. You might want to spread at a lighter rate than shown and go over the area twice, at right angles, to avoid stripes or skips.

Scotts Broadcast	5	Fertilome/Earthway Broadcast	14
Scotts Drop	8	Fertilome/Earthway Drop	14
Scotts Handheld	4		

**CAUTION:** SPREADER SETTINGS CAN VARY. BE PREPARED TO ADJUST THE SETTING IF THE SEED IS COMING OUT TOO HEAVILY OR TOO LIGHTLY.

## Grass Mixtures

Bluegrass may take as long as 14 to 30 days to germinate whereas perennial rye may germinate in as little as 7 to 10 days. Germination will be quicker in warm soils.

Beware of "bargain brands" of grass seed. We have formulated the mixes below specifically for our east Idaho soils and climate. You will be living with your choice for a long time. Spending a little more for good seed now will save you a lot of time and grief later.

Variety	Description
Crook's Premium Quick Lawn	<u>#1 Seller</u> . Contains 80% premium bluegrasses for improved disease resistance, darker green color, and denser turf. We add 20% premium turf type ryegrass for quick germination and billbug grub resistance.
Crook's Quick Lawn	<u>#2 seller</u> . A popular economical mix that germinates quickly. 80% bluegrasses 20% premium turf type ryegrass for quick germination and billbug grub resistance. Great for spot seeding and repairing dead spots in the lawn.
Crook's Premium Blend Bluegrass	<u>#3 Seller</u> . This is the best choice if you want a "SHOWPLACE" lawn. Blended with 100% premium bluegrass varieties for maximum disease resistance, denseness, and dark green color. Slower germinating than our "Quick" mixes, and less resistant to grub damage.
Common Kentucky Blue	Economical and dependable. This is what most older lawns in our area were planted with. Lacks the dark green color and disease resistance of the newer Kentucky Blues.
Crook's Super Shade Mix	For shady areas. Contains mostly fescues. If lawn area gets less than about 3 hours of sun per day you may need to plant other ground covers instead of grass. Use 5 lbs./1,000 sq. ft.