

## **Garden Talk**

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## NEW LAWNS in 11 ½ STEPS



Spring and early fall are the preferred times to plant a new lawn in the mountains of Arizona. Depending on the temperature, lawns can be seeded as early as March 15<sup>th</sup> or as late as October 30th. The warmer the soil the quicker the seeds will germinate.

A lawn planted after April 15<sup>th</sup> will begin to germinate in about one week, with the first mowing 3-4 weeks after planting, and ready to use shortly there after.

## Steps to an Easy Care Lawn

**Step 1** - Prepare soil with a rototiller. First, remove stones and debris. Add soil amendment such as (gypsum at this point if needed) Watters Premium Mulch 2 inches deep

over the entire area. Rototill to a

depth of 6 inches.

**Step 2 -** Rake to remove any large clods and irregularities in the grade.

**Step 3** - Settle the area with a roller or a sprinkler (heavy application of water). Rake to form a surface level and true grade. The finished seedbed should be firm, not fluffy.

Step 4 - Rake to scarify surface to form a loose seedbed down to 1/4 " to 1/2 " depth.

Step 5 – Apply a layer of 'Soil Activator' before the seed is Lawn Seed spread.

**Step 6** - Spread the seed with a spreader. A drop spreader or a hand-held whirlybird spreader will do an excellent job. Following seeding, rake the surface lightly to cover most of the seed.

**Step 7** - Apply Watters All Purpose Plant Food 7-4-4.

**Step 8** - Roll entire surface to press soil around seed.

**Step 9** - Completely cover the seed to a depth no grater than 1/4" with Watters Premium Mulch.

**Step 10 -** Keep area continually moist until it is established. This will probably require watering 2-4 times daily.

Step 11 - Mow lawn when it reaches 1 ½" in height.



intervals, apply Watters All Purpose Plant Food 7-4-4 one month alternating to 'Soil Activator' the following month. Use this alternating feed pattern March through October for optimum growth without the weeds.

NOW - Take your shoes off and enjoy!

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

**Soil Activator** Rototiller, Rake

Watters Premium Mulch Watters All Purpose Food 7-4-4 Spreader, Roller