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Watering Instructions for your Lawn

To water properly one must be aware of the weather. Lawns do not need watering in early spring. After the spring rains have stopped and we get into our dry summer weather, use the following technique.

It's best to water early in the morning to take advantage of the daily start of the grasses' normal growing cycle, usually lower wind speeds and considerably less loss of water because of high temperature evaporation. Try not to water at midday, as the hotter sun can burn wet sod and plants. Try not to water after sunset as it promotes mildew. Do not water daily as this promotes thatch build up. Organically fertilized lawns require normal watering every 3 to 4 days if it has not rained.

Water deeply. Light watering too often keeps the roots at the surface and makes for weaker grass and thatch formation. Most lawns will grow very well with a maximum total of one inch of water a week, coming either from rain or applied water. This amount of water, properly applied, is all that is required for the health of the grass, providing it is applied evenly and saturates the underlying soil to a depth of 10 to 15 cm (4 to 6 inches).