



### WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

Water the reseeded area twice daily, one hour apart, just long enough to wet the topdressing but not cause the topdressing to be washed away or to allow pooling in low spots. This is usually just a few minutes – watering too long can wash away your hard work or cause a water waste violation, so hand watering is recommended.

You should see seed germination in about ten days in cool weather. Once the new grass gets about two inches high, begin gradually reducing watering times until you are back on your regular irrigation schedule.

### AVOID A WATER WASTE FINE

Contact the Water Conservation Section prior to reseeding to request a temporary day of week watering schedule exemption. This will allow you to run your sprinkler system outside your assigned watering days for up to 30 days.

Time of day exemptions cannot be granted, meaning you are not allowed to water between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., May 1 through September 30.

### CONSERVATION

For more information regarding the City's water conservation efforts, visit our website at [HendersonKnowsH2O.org](http://HendersonKnowsH2O.org) or contact the Conservation Section at (702) 267-5950.

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reseeding for a beautiful,  
healthy lawn



# RESEED THE RIGHT WAY AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR A HEALTHY, BEAUTIFUL LAWN

When portions of a lawn die, they become vulnerable to weeds and other damage. Reseeding at the right time and in the right way will rejuvenate your lawn and protect your investment. To prevent water evaporation, leave dead grass in place until it is time to reseed: mid-February to early April, and mid-September to mid-October.

## WHEN TO START

Bermuda lawns seldom need reseeding; if your Bermuda lawn looks stressed you may simply need to aerate, fertilize, and adjust your watering schedule.

Fescue is a cool season grass, which means it germinates best at soil temperatures around 50F and grows very well at temperatures between 65 and 80F.



Bermuda



Fescue

**Fescue and Bermuda are the two most common lawn grasses in our valley.**



## DIG IN

Hand or power rake the dead grass from the lawn. Power rakes are usually available at equipment rental businesses or service can be contracted with local landscapers. Rake so that grooves about 1/4 inch deep are cut into the soil. Lightly spread a high phosphorus fertilizer such as 16-20-0 over the surface to be reseeded.

Fertilizers are labeled with the formula of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorous (P) and Potassium (K) in the compound. 16-20-0 is a common formula available at most nurseries and home improvement stores.

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT SEED

With seed, you get what you pay for; grass grown from inexpensive seed may have a very coarse texture or wide leaf blades, and mixing seed quality will give your lawn a patchwork of textures.

Purchase ten pounds of seed for every thousand square feet of lawn to be reseeded.

Divide the seed in half and spread one half the seed in a north/south direction and the other half in an east/west direction. Next, lightly rake the area, covering seed with no more than 1/4 inch of topsoil and lightly mulch with manure or compost. Mulching will keep the area moist until new blades emerge.

“Don't worry about the birds eating your newly sown seeds,” says Dr. Greenthumb of the Springs Preserve. “Ten pounds per thousand square feet will put five to ten seeds per square inch. If we knew every seed would germinate we'd only need to put down one pound per thousand square feet. So in essence let the birds feast on the other nine pounds.”

