



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

Lawn Restoration Care Guide

The City of East Grand Rapids or a contractor working on behalf of the City recently restored a lawn area disturbed by a service operation or construction project adjacent to your property. Restoration includes placement of screened top soil which is non-amended sandy loam soil free of roots, clods, and stones larger than 1/2" with 99% passing through a 3/8" screen and grass seed.

In order to help establish the lawn area, it is the property owners' responsibility to maintain these areas as was done previously. It is important to follow proper watering, mowing and weed control to establish the lawn area, particularly during dry weather.

Please consider following the suggested tips below for a successful restoration result:

- **Watering**-Light watering several times a day is desirable. Avoid heavy watering techniques which can wash seed and soil away from the restoration location. Watering is recommended for approximately 3 weeks.
- **Mowing**-Depending on weather conditions, it may take approximately 3-4 weeks for grass to grow in and up to about 1.5 inches tall. This is when grass should first be mowed. Mowing before grass has been established will disperse seed and soil negatively impacting the restoration.
- **Fertilizer**-Application of fertilizer to help the restoration area should be applied about 5 weeks after the first mowing of the area.
- **Lawn use**-It is recommended that use of the lawn for yard activities not take place for approximately 8-10 weeks.
- **Weed control products**-Weed seeds are natural in the environment may grow along with grass in the restoration area. It is recommended that the use of weed killer not be applied until after 10-12 weeks and after approximately 7-8 cuttings. Larger weeds growing in the area should be hand pulled so they do not become established and impact the growing grass.

Thank you for patience, understanding and participation in the success of the yard restoration adjacent to your property.

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