



River Crossing Newsletter



August

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Proper Lawn Care

March or April

- Fertilize your lawn with an organic or slow-release fertilizer (an organic fertilizer contains micronutrients that feed microbes in the soil that will help strengthen grass roots).
- Overseed if the weather permits.
 - If you overseed, keep that area moist during this phase ONLY with a light layer of peatmoss
- If you need to mow, remember not to take more than 1/3 of the blade off.

May

- Overseed if needed and it wasn't done in March or April, following same techniques
- Normally additional water isn't needed in May unless dry, then 1 inch of water per week

June

- Water **DEEPLY** and **no more** than 2 or 3 x per week if there isn't enough rain to achieve the 1 inch of water per week. Use a small empty can (tuna) to make sure you get enough water on your lawn placed in several locations. If it runs before you can measure a half inch then turn the water off and wait 30 minutes or so to let the water soak in then start watering again, continue until you have half an inch. If you have a sprinkler system, you can shorten the ON time and have the whole system run again after the first cycle.
 - If you water a little every day the roots stay close to the surface and then the grass is more prone to browning when it gets hot. The deeper you water the deeper the roots will go.
- Mow grass but not too short, 2 inches is good.

July through August

- Mow no shorter than 2 inches.
- Water **DEEPLY** see June care guidelines.
- Do NOT fertilize until it is cooler in early fall. Fertilizing stressed plants does more harm than good.

September - October

- Fertilize with natural organic or slow-release formulations when the rain starts or weather cools and water if needed.
- Thatch and aerate in September or October. Top dress with up to one inch of sifted compost if the lawn was planted with very little organic matter, this applies to most of the lawns in River Crossing..

November December

- Apply winter fertilizer in late November or December.