

You should now be caring for your new landscaping and lawn. Ecology has a one year warranty for the work done on your property but **only** if you follow all of these lawn care recommendations.

1. Fertilize your lawn.

Fertilize your lawn in the fall, and again in the spring as needed. As part of cleanup, lawn starter and other fertilizers have already been applied to your lawn.

- September is the best month for fall fertilizing; it helps to build healthy roots for winter.
- Fertilizing in May can boost growth when it naturally slows.
- Look for seasonal varieties of fertilizer based on the time of year.
- Use slow release fertilizers because they will feed your lawn for a longer period of time.
- Apply fertilizer evenly to prevent your lawn from developing ‘bands’ of different colors.
- Water soon after applying fertilizer.



2. Water your lawn and plants from May to October.

In the summer, lawns need about one inch of water per week. Plants may need less but watch for signs of wilting.

- Water more if your lawn has a blue or gray tint, brown spots or if footprints stay for 30 seconds or more.
- The best time to water is early morning to reduce evaporation. Water when “dew” usually appears naturally. This will minimize fungal infections caused by water standing on the leaf surface for long periods of time.
- Lay soaker hoses or drip lines on new plants and shrubs. You’ll use less water and plants will be healthier, with fewer weeds or diseases. Cover them with mulch for more water savings and less work.



3. Pick up pet waste right away.

Ecology will not fix spots caused by pet waste. Dog waste can be highly acidic and it will damage your lawn, leaving dead spots if left too long.

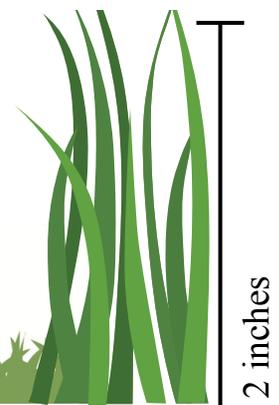
- Pick up solid pet waste daily to make sure you do not create any dead spots.
- Keep pets off the grass as much as possible to reduce the amount of urine on the new lawn.



4. Leave lawn at least 2-3 inches high.

This will help protect your lawn from drought, reduce chances of weed invasion and help to establish a healthy root system.

- Leave lawn clippings on lawn to recycle nutrients. Shorter clippings decompose quickly if left on the lawn.
- Mow high and let the clippings lie.



Seasonal Tips:

Your new lawn requires care all year long! Follow these tips to adapt your care to each season of the year.

Spring: Protect against weeds.

Start weeding your lawn now to get a head start on weeds. Replenish any mulched beds or areas with a fresh layer up to 3 inches.



Fall: Rake the leaves often.

Rake the leaves off your lawn to allow the new grass to breathe and get sunlight.



Summer: Water one inch per week.

During the summer, lawns need about one inch of water per week. Plants may need less but watch for signs of wilting.



Winter: Keep off frozen grass.

Do not walk on the grass when it is frosted over or frozen. Frozen grass becomes brittle and will break easily.



Call Ecology if you see any of the following:

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Dead patches of grass.

Call Ecology if you see dead or bare patches of grass on your new lawn.



Puddles on grass.

Call Ecology if you see puddles on the grass that last more than one week.



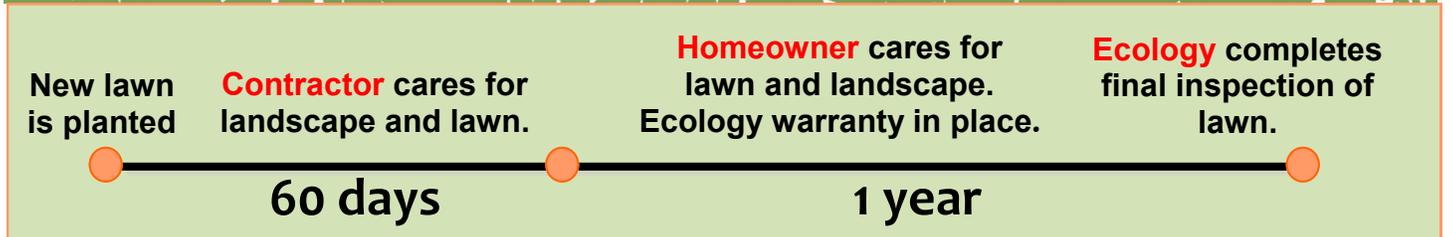
Rolled up or moved sod.

Call Ecology if you see an area of sod that is rolled up or moved from its original location.



Soft or settled soil.

Call Ecology if a part of the yard is uneven or softer than the rest of the yard.



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