

Step-by-Step Procedure Told To Develop Lawn

New York - (AP) - This is the time of year when a man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the lawn. The thoughts usually are pleasant unless you are one of those lawn-growers whose lawn won't grow, or you've just moved into a new house where no lawn has been developed. For people in such situations, J. T. Thurston, manager of research and development for American Cyanamid Company's agricultural division, has the latest information on developing a new lawn. He recommends this step-by-step procedure.

1. Carefully measure the area to be seeded to determine the square footage. You will find that this measurement is necessary in purchasing the right amount of seed, fertilizer and other needed items.

Check Supplier
2. You should check with your local farm and garden supplier to determine the best time of year for seeding. Lawn seedings in spring usually are not as successful as later except in the far West. However, your area may be an exception. Your local merchant or agricultural experiment station can tell you. Late summer and early fall are the best times for seeding in most areas.

3. During dry weather and in western irrigated regions, your first step is to thoroughly soak the soil to a depth of five to six inches so that it can be worked easily and will be lump-free.

4. Following this, apply regular fertilizer as locally recommended and till the soil, either mechanically or by hand, turning the old sod and weeds.

5. Rake and work soil until it is free of all lumps and the surface is smooth. If you plan to apply peat moss, you should do it at this stage so that it will be incorporated in the soil.

6. Purchase calcium cyanamide (generic name), a fertilizer, which initially kills weed seeds in the soil before breaking down to a lime and nitrogen base. To help you have a weed free lawn next year, spread evenly five pounds of this material for each 100 square feet of soil surface. However, be careful not to apply this product under tree branches of young trees and shrubs since the initial break-down material - which kills the weed seed - may cause injury to your ornaments.

7. Rake the soil lightly, no deeper than one inch, but thoroughly enough to bring the lime-nitrogen mixture in close contact with the surface soil and weed seeds. In western irrigated areas, rake well into the top, one to one-and-one-half inches - but no deeper.

8. Water thoroughly after application so soil is kept moist to a depth of at least one inch. If soil dries out, repeat watering at weekly intervals, or even oftener if necessary.

Rake Lightly
9. After three weeks, rake the surface lightly if it has crusted. Do not rake below treated depth of soil or live weed seeds will be brought to the surface.

10. See your local garden supplier for seed mixtures suitable for your area. Seed your lawn evenly in two directions. Rake very lightly and roll.

11. Water your lawn frequently until grass is up; then less frequently and more heavily to establish a deep root system.

12. Now sit back and relax and enjoy your beautiful new lawn - oops! Where's the lawn mower?

Liquor Outlets To Be Closed Friday

Portland - All state liquor stores and agencies will be closed Friday, May 20, primary election day, the Oregon liquor control commission has announced. The commission also reminded its licensees that the sale of beer, wine or distilled spirits for consumption on the premises is not legal from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. However, sales of package beer or wine by authorized licensee for off-premises consumption is permitted by Oregon law, which supersedes any local laws to the contrary.

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