

## Lawn Top Dressing      After-Care Instructions

- Water immediately after top dressing to help the material settle.
- Avoid heavy foot traffic for 24-48 hours, and reduce traffic for a few weeks.
- Fertilize your lawn after 4-6 weeks if needed to support new growth.
- Mow once the material has settled and keep the mower height high initially.
- Monitor for uneven coverage, weeds, and pests to ensure the lawn is healthy and growing well.

### Watering After Top Dressing

#### Initial Watering

- Water your lawn thoroughly immediately after top dressing to help the material settle into the soil.
- Aim for about 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week to ensure proper absorption and integration of the top dressing material into the soil.

#### Regular Watering

- Keep the lawn lightly watered for the next 5-7 days. The top dressing needs moisture to settle and work its way into the soil, promoting better root development.
- Avoid over-watering, which can cause puddles. The goal is for the soil to remain moist but not soggy.

### Avoid Foot Traffic

- Avoid heavy foot traffic or mowing for at least 24-48 hours after applying the top dressing.
- Light foot traffic is acceptable, but try to prevent walking on the lawn too much to avoid compressing the soil.

### Fertilization

- After top dressing, it's a great time to fertilize your lawn if needed.
- Use a balanced, slow-release fertilizer to provide essential nutrients and support root growth. Ideally, wait about 4-6 weeks after top dressing to apply fertilizer.

### Mowing

- It's important to wait until the top dressing has settled before mowing. This will take 1-2 days or until you notice that the material has integrated into the soil.
- Once the material has settled, mow your lawn as usual, but keep your mower height at the highest setting for the first couple of mowings.

### Weed Control

- Keep an eye out for weeds, especially if the top dressing included compost or organic matter. Apply an appropriate weed control solution if necessary.

### Pests and Diseases

- Be vigilant for pests or fungal growth that could affect your lawn. If you notice any signs of pests or disease, take action promptly to protect your grass.