

HELPFUL PRODUCTS

To ensure your planting is a success, we recommend the following products.

- 3-way soil mix
- *Wilgro* **16-16-16 Fertilizer**
- *Wilgro* **Pelletized Lime**
- Sun or sun/shade mix grass seed
- Fine fir bark dust
- Turf mulch



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PLANTING NEW LAWNS



Laying Sod & Planting From Seed



STEPS FOR LAYING SOD

** Sod can be installed almost any time of year, however, the best times are early to mid-fall and spring when temperatures are cool but grass is growing.*

1. Remove existing grass, weeds, large rocks and debris.
2. Loosen the top 2 - 4 inches of soil and fill in 2 - 3 inches of **3-way soil mix**. Level the soil and grade it away from foundations and structures. Water lightly to compact the soil. Apply 16x16x16 fertilizer.
3. Test the PH of your soil. It should be between 6 - 7.5. If it is low, which is common in the Pacific Northwest, add **pelletized lime** to adjust the PH.
4. Lay sod. Water thoroughly daily. Water to keep moist, preferably in the morning.
5. Try to keep foot traffic to a minimum.
6. After three weeks, cut back watering and water as needed. When grass reaches 3 inches tall, begin mowing. Do not mow to less than 2 inches and do not cut off more than one-third of the blade at a time. After 3 - 4 weeks of growth, fertilize again with **16-16-16**.

PLANTING A NEW LAWN FROM SEED

** The best time to plant lawn seed is when daytime temperatures are between 60 and 70 degrees. Grass seed needs mildly warm temperatures to germinate successfully.*

1. Remove existing grass, weeds, large rocks and debris.
2. Test the PH of your soil. It should be between 6 - 7.5. If it is low, which is common in the Pacific Northwest, add **pelletized lime** to adjust the PH.
3. Loosen the top 2 - 6 inches of soil and fill in 2 - 3 inches of **3-way soil mix**. For clay soils, till in 2-3 inches of sand. Level the soil and grade it away from foundations and structures.
4. Choose the appropriate seed. For mostly sunny areas, use our **sun mix**. For partly to mostly shady areas use our **sun/shade mix**.
5. Apply at a rate of 6 - 10 lbs. per 1,000 square feet. Make two runs over the area with a spreader. On the second run, adjust the spreader as needed and go over the area at a 90-degree angle from the first run to achieve consistent coverage.

6. Apply **16-16-16 fertilizer**. Rake in the seed and fertilizer to a depth of ¼ inch. Roll or tamp down the soil for compaction.
7. Spread a thin layer of **fine bark** or **turf mulch** over the area at no more than ¼ inch deep. This will help retain moisture, keep birds out of the seed, wind from blowing it away and runoff when watering. Water lightly but frequently, 2 - 3 times a day.
8. Germination can take anywhere from 5 - 20 days, depending on conditions. Upon germination, gradually transition to less frequent but heavier watering. Reseed any bare spots.
9. Avoid foot traffic as much as possible until grass has reached 3 inches. At 3 inches, begin mowing. After you begin mowing, you should be watering 2 - 3 times a week. Do not mow to less than 2 inches and do not cut off more than 1/3 of the blade at a time.

