



## CARING FOR ESTABLISHED LAWNS

As your lawn becomes established, your watering and maintenance practices will change. You'll water less often, mow regularly, and fertilize multiple times per year. Follow the tips below for a lawn that will be the envy of your neighborhood!

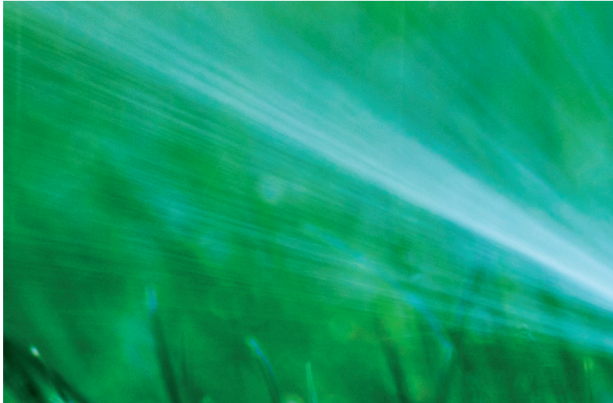
### WHEN TO WATER

- When the grass is fully established, water every day or two.
- $\frac{1}{8}$  inch of water is usually enough for sunny areas.
- Do not over-water!
- Water when you have time; mornings are best, mid-day is fine, but avoid evenings if you can.
- Keep a close watch on your irrigation system to make sure it's adequately covering the entire lawn area.



### MOWING YOUR LAWN

- Make sure the lawn is dry before mowing.
- Set your mower blades to a height of 3 - 4 inches. Mowing high conserves moisture (less watering), inhibits weed growth, and maintains a brighter green color.
- Don't cut off more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the grass blade at a time.
- There's no need to collect clippings; it's best to leave them where they fall.



### FEEDING YOUR LAWN

- If you irrigate your lawn regularly, we recommend applying a complete slow-release fertilizer 4 or 5 times per year.
- If you don't irrigate, 3 - 4 fertilizer applications will suffice.
- Fall is the best time to fertilize lawns. Don't miss the October/early November feeding!



### DEALING WITH WEEDS IN YOUR LAWN

- September - October is the best time to kill weeds.
- A spray-on weed killer is much better than granular products.
- Spot spray weeds all year long.
- Spray weeds in the middle of the mowing cycle so there is as much weed surface there for as long as possible.

