

Landscape Maintenance Guidelines

Watering

1st week after installation water once each day.

2nd week water every second day.

3rd week water every 3rd day.

4th week every fourth day.

After 1st month water beds once each week if no rainfall occurs. If it rains at least ½ inch eliminate a watering. In summer you may or may not want to water beds twice a week.

Watering Principle: Water well, then allow the soil to dry slightly without allowing plants to wilt. Do not keep soil constantly wet or dry.

For turf grass follow above schedule also. However, you may wish to increase watering up to three times per week in the heat of summer if you notice wilting of blades or browning out. This grass will survive with less water but will turn brown without supplemental water in dry hot periods. Follow same watering principle as above.

Fertilizer

This Cavalier Zoysia grass is a specially developed grass with specific needs beyond merely watering. It is not a “high maintenance” grass but will only look its best with seasonal fertilization. Use a high nitrogen fertilizer three times per year to keep grass looking its best. Watering with sprinkler systems artificially leaches out nutrients which must be replaced artificially with fertilizer

For the prettiest flowers and healthiest foliage, fertilize beds three times each year, in early spring, early summer and early fall with a balanced flower fertilizer higher in phosphorus. Lawn fertilizer is also good.

Mowing/Trimming

Cut off all freeze damaged perennials by late winter early spring. It does no good to leave dead frozen top growth on the plant in winter and is unsightly. However it does no damage to leave the damaged frozen growth on the plant. When plants begin to put on new growth at the base in early spring and late winter, you should cut off all the old growth. Usually it is best to start fresh each spring by cutting plants all the way to the ground each winter. Shape evergreens as you desire or allow them to grow to a natural shape any time of year.

Cavalier Zoysia grass grows lumpy by nature. Regular mowing will create a very level and beautiful lawn, but some people do not mind the lumpiness from not mowing and prefer the lower mowing maintenance approach. For the most beautiful lawn, mow at least once each week to about 2” inches. Experiment with different mowing heights until you are pleased with the one you have chosen. You may wish to mow higher in the worst heat of summer and lower during the lush growth period of late spring and early summer.