



Shopping List

High quality grass seed
Hand or drop spreader
High phosphorus lawn
fertilizer
Mulch
Rake
Lawn roller

Before you start a lawn from seed, you need to properly prepare the site. After the initial preparation is completed, cover the entire area with a high phosphorus lawn starting fertilizer. A hand spreader works fine for small areas. On larger areas you may want to use a drop spreader.

Next, start spreading the seed. The recommended application rates for grass seed vary greatly by variety so be sure to read any literature included with the seed first. Divide the seed into two equal portions. Make one pass over the lawn site using one portion of the seed. Make the second pass at right angles to the first pass, covering the entire lawn area. This will ensure even coverage.

Lightly rake the seed in. Rake the entire area in one direction then rake it again perpendicular to the first pass.



Spread a thin layer of fine mulch over the top of the seed, no more than an eighth of an inch deep. Go over the entire area with a lawn roller to ensure good contact between the seed and the soil. The roller should be filled about halfway with water.

The last step is to water the area thoroughly. You must keep the top layer of soil moist to ensure even germination. It may be necessary to mist the site 3-4 times a day until the lawn is established. Use a fine spray when watering and try to avoid standing water.