

City of Fridley Restoration Care Guide

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The Contractor will soon begin the restoration of boulevard disturbed by construction activity. Disturbed green space will be restored with topsoil, fertilizer, seed, hydraulic fiber matrix and erosion prevention measures, if required. The information below outlines the installation process and best practices you can take to promote healthy establishment of your new grass.

The Contractor is responsible for maintaining the newly restored boulevard for the first forty-five (45) days after installation. After the 45-day maintenance period, restored areas will be inspected by the City for acceptance or correction by the Contractor. Once accepted by the City, ownership and maintenance of restored areas is turned over to the property owner. The City or Contractor will not replace grass that dies or deteriorates after the 45-day maintenance period and initial acceptance by the City. The future health of the grass is the property owner's responsibility.

Contractor's Responsibility During the 45-Day Maintenance Period

Watering

- The Contractor is responsible for watering restored areas for the 45-day maintenance period; however, property owners are encouraged to support the establishment of new grass by watering as well.
- During the first week after seeding, the soil should be watered lightly 2-3 times per day as needed to keep soil moist.
- After the first week, continue to water seedlings as needed to keep the soil most. Generally apply water at a rate of 1/3", three times per week.
- Watering early in the day is best as less water is lost to evaporation and more is absorbed into the soil.



Mowing

 It is recommended that property owners do not mow newly established grass until after the 45-day maintenance period.

Property Owner's Responsibility After the 45-Day Maintenance Period

Watering

• Continue to water at a rate of 1/3", three times per week, applying early in the day.

Mowing

- Mow when turf first reaches uniform height of 5"-6". Do not mow when the density is less than 50 percent of area coverage.
- Do not mow newly established turf when conditions are hot (85°F) and dry.
- Do not cut more than 1/3 of the grass height in a single mowing event.
- If walking in the new grass area shows settlement in the soil, the turf has not yet established and should not be mowed. Do not mow if mower tires form ruts.
- Turf takes up to 1 year to fully establish from seed.

