



Your new grass, step by step.

Thanks for choosing Nashville Aeration Co. Follow these steps to turn new seed into a thick, healthy tall fescue lawn.

Today

Service day

- Start watering today.
- Leave the plugs. They break down on their own in 1–3 weeks.
- Keep people and pets off seeded areas.

Days 1–14

Germination

- Keep the top inch damp — never soggy, never dry.
- Fescue sprouts in about 6–12 days; cool weather slows it.
- No mowing, raking, extra seed or weed products.

Weeks 2–4

Establishment

- At about 2 inches tall, water less often but deeper.
- Blow leaves off on low — no rakes.
- First mow at about 4 inches, cutting to 3.

Weeks 4–8

Thickening

- About 1 inch of water a week, rain included.
- Feed lightly 3–5 weeks after sprouting.
- Weed control only after 3 mowings.

WATERING	TARGET	HOW OFTEN	SPRAY HEADS*	ROTORS*
Days 1–14	½–¾ inch a day in total. Keep the top inch damp.	2 cycles in cool weather; 3–4 when hot, sunny or windy	5–10 min a day e.g., 4 × 2	15–30 min a day e.g., 4 × 6
Weeks 2–4	About ½ inch per watering	Taper from daily to every 2–3 days	~20 min	~60 min
Established	About 1 inch a week, rain included	½ inch once or twice a week	~20 min per ½ inch	~60 min per ½ inch

*Typical output: spray heads about 1½ in./hr, rotors about ½ in./hr; rotating-stream nozzles (like MP Rotators) run at about rotor speed. Water early and finish by mid-afternoon so grass dries before night. Runoff on clay? Split runs into shorter cycles an hour apart.

Plugs on the lawn

They stay 1–3 weeks. Rain and mowing break them down.

Grass in tufts

Seed in the holes sprouts in little clusters that fill in.

Thin, light-green fuzz

New grass looks wispy before it thickens.

A few bare spots

Shade, slopes and traffic areas fill in slowest.

Some weeds

Watering wakes up weed seed too. Thick grass crowds it out.

The first mow

At about 4 inches tall, usually 3–4 weeks after seeding. Cut back to 3 inches with a sharp blade, on dry grass, with wide, gentle turns.

Leaves: blow, don't rake

Don't let leaves mat for more than a few days. Use a blower on low until the first mow, then mulch light layers with the mower.

Next spring

The full result shows up as new grass fills in. Keep tall fescue at 3–4 inches, and plan next fall's aeration — each year builds on the last.

Avoid these mistakes

- ✗ Easing off water at the first green sprouts
- ✗ Puddles and runoff that wash seed away
- ✗ Letting leaves sit and mat on new grass
- ✗ Spreading more seed in the first 3–4 weeks
- ✗ Raking up or removing the plugs
- ✗ Mowing before the new grass reaches ~4 inches
- ✗ Pre-emergent or weed & feed on new seed
- ✗ Shutting off irrigation too early in a dry fall

Service date _____ Seed sprouting (6–12 days after) _____ Target first mow (~3–4 weeks) _____



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