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City's PS. # _____

You will be responsible for watering your grass seedlings starting: _____

CONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST OVER!

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Construction in your area is almost complete! Thank you for your patience during these important improvements to eliminate billions of gallons of combined sewage overflow from entering the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers. This work will meet the needs of our community for generations to come!

The City's Contractor has followed restoration procedures and kept your new grass seed mulched, fertilized and watered for the past eight weeks. Your grass seedlings have been established, but will need a little tender loving care to become full and lush.

You can help by following these important instructions:

- ✘ Please do not stop watering the new seed. The delicate new shoots will die, especially during hot or dry weather. Water the planting area with a light and even spray about 10-15 minutes each day that it doesn't rain, preferably in the morning. Do not let it get completely dry, but don't water too frequently, either. Over-watering can rot the seedlings.
- ✘ The mulch blanket placed by the Contractor is fully biodegradable. Do not try to remove it, or you will pull out the seedlings. Securing the blanket close to the ground will increase the speed of decomposition. Once it has fully decomposed, you can remove the stakes.

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- ✘ Weeds happen! This is especially true if seed germination is delayed. Remove the weeds by hand, being careful not to remove the grass shoots. Please do not use weed killer in this area until the grass is at least a year old.
- ✘ You should begin mowing when the grass is about 4 inches tall or when tall weeds are present. Mow high the first year, keeping the grass about three inches tall so it can develop strong roots. This will make your grass more drought resistant in future years.
- ✘ The netting in the mulch blanket can be difficult to mow around unless it is properly secured. Please trim the loose ends of the mulch blanket to avoid catching during mowing. Look out for stakes used to secure the netting.
- ✘ Please plan to apply fertilizer in the fall, following package instructions.

Resources

For more specific information about maintaining a healthy lawn, please contact Horticultural Educator Gary Helig at the Michigan State University Extension Office for Ingham County at 517.676.7207.

If you have other questions or need further information, please contact the City of Lansing's Public Service Department at 517.483.4455.

The City's CSO website, www.lansingcso.com, also offers additional insight on this 30-year effort to protect human and environmental health.



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