

Promoting Healthier Grass Re-seeding

Options for the Coachella Valley



Smart Scalping

- Saves Money
- Improves Air Quality
- Eliminates Harmful Dust
- Conserves Water
- Reduces Debris Clean-up

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The dusty process of “scalping” has long been known for the massive amount of dirt, pollen and tiny bits of grass that is kicked up in the air. This dust can be a serious health risk for people with breathing related problems. It also worsens the already significant dust problem. The Coachella Valley is in danger of violating Environmental Protection Agency standards for small-size dust particles called PM10.

It is strongly recommended that homeowners and individual gardeners follow the alternative as laid out in this brochure to reduce PM10 dust particles (pollution) during the grass re-seeding season.

Remember:

You may see golf courses reseeded at an earlier date due to the demands of the industry. However, the optimal season for residential and home owner associations is generally mid to late October.

Seasonal re-seeding is **OPTIONAL**. Bermuda grass can be allowed to go dormant in the Winter, which it will do naturally, and revive in the Spring.

This guide is a result of a collaborative effort between:

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Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendents Association

and 4th District County Supervisor Wilson’s Office

in cooperation with South Coast Air Quality Management District

to assist homeowners.

Join us in the fight for cleaner air by **not** “scalping”.



Optimal re-seeding season is generally mid-to-late October.

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Residential Re-seeding Guide

Begin anytime between mid to late October.

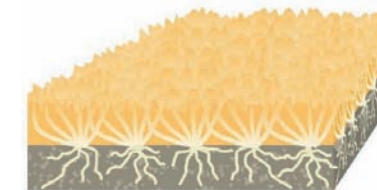
Day 1/Step 1

- DO NOT SCALP
- Reduce watering to 5 minutes per night;
- Continue to mow and gradually reduce the mowing height until you’re ready to reseed.

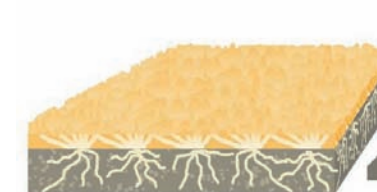


Day 15/Step 2

- Before re-seeding, it is best to wait until the Bermuda grass has naturally begun to go dormant when night-time temperatures drop to 65-75 degrees.



- Grass should be approximately 1/2 of normal mowing height;
- Slightly dampen before cutting grass;
- Clean up debris; check sprinklers for proper operation;



Day 16-17/Step 3

- Thoroughly moisten soil and apply seed;
- Follow the Watering Guide - Day 16 thru 50: Water for 3 minutes, every 2 hours, beginning at 8 a.m. for a total of 15 minutes every day, from day 16 to 50.

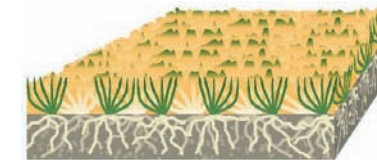


Day 31/Step 4

- Do the first mowing. Continue mowing during maturity.

Day 51/Step 5

- Follow the Watering Guide - Day 51 thru 61: Water for 5 minutes, 3 times a day for a total of 15 minutes every day.



Day 62/Step 6

- Grass should take about 30-60 days to mature from the date of seeding.
- Follow the Watering Guide - Day 62 and after: Water as necessary, but avoid run-off; night-time or early a.m. water is recommended.



Watering Guide

Day 16 through 50:

Water for 3 minutes every 2 hours; beginning at 8 a.m. for a total of 15 minutes every day.

Day 51 through 61:

Water for 5 minutes, 3 times a day for a total of 15 minutes every day.

Day 62 and thereafter:

Water as necessary; avoid run-off night-time watering is recommended.