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Helpful tips for seeding success:

Step #1: Loosen the soil

You want grass seed to make good contact with soil. So you need to rough it up a little. Loosening the soil also helps tiny seedlings to take root. So rake your lawn, and remove any dead grass in the process, before seeding.

Step #2: Apply Soil, Starter Fertilizer and Seed

Before you seed, mix a thin layer of **Scotts® Lawn Soil™** with your existing soil. This will improve the soil in your yard and help your grass grow in well. Apply **Garden Center Pro's Lawn Food or Anderson's 18-12-6** and work into soil before spreading seed. This will give grass the food it needs to grow strong and develop a deep and dense root system. Then spread your grass seed with a spreader, ensuring proper and even coverage. After you've spread it, gently run the back of your rake over the soil to create better contact with the seeds.

Step #3: Cover the seed

Cover the seed with a thin layer of Peat Moss, Straw or Excelsior Blanket. This will help reduce erosion, moisture loss and prevent birds and animals from eating your seed.

Step #4: Water, Water, Water!

Proper watering is the key to success. Without consistent moisture, seed dies and can't be revived. Water gently, but not deeply, to keep the soil moist. Lightly water once a day until the grass reaches 2 inches in height. Then you can cut back to watering when necessary, usually 2-3 times per week.

Step #5: When to mow

Once your grass reaches regular mowing height, rev up your lawnmower. Be sure to set your mower at the tallest setting. This will allow the grass to grow deeper roots to find moisture and nutrients. If you cut your lawn too short, the grass can't grow deep roots, and you'll waste a lot of time and money watering it to keep it green.

Step #6: When should I fertilize?

Once you've mowed your lawn about 4 times (or about 6 weeks after you've seeded), it's time to feed your lawn. Make sure that you are using a straight fertilizer like **Garden Center Pro's Lawn Food, Anderson's 18-12-6 or 21-0-3** and not a weed and feed product as it can damage or kill young grass. Always make sure to read product labels for instructions.