

WINDHAM MEADOWS GRASS ISSUES: **IMPORTANT INFO FROM TRUGREEN TURF**

Now onto the inconsistent color; the red thread will make the lawn look dull and even brown in some areas, as will the summer patch. The other item is there are multiple varieties of grass throughout the property, and they all have different cycles, some spots will look better at different times of the year. Seeding the entire property with one or 2 breeds of the same seed, will help to make the lawn more uniform in color and consistency.

Now for the funguses:

[1] All owners NEED to be on the same watering schedule: Watering needs to be in the morning ONLY, every 2-3 days, and for about 20-30 minutes [or however long it takes to fill an empty tuna can] watering everyday for short periods is no good, watering multiple times a day is worse, and watering at night will perpetuate the problems. Watering for a long, consistent, period every few days encourages roots to grow deeper, because the soil is deep soaked. This makes the grass more drought resistant. Watering in short bursts, keeps the roots towards the surface, and not only less drought resistant, but more disease susceptible. While I was on site I observed 3 different systems going off at 5 pm this is no good. The watering is also one of reasons you have crabgrass. If you water in the morning and not during the day, when we come and apply our treatments they have time to work, when you water 20 minutes after we leave, it renders it useless. I strongly suspect, because I have witnessed it before. That when the pre-emergent crabgrass was put down in the spring, some owners watered the same day. This why some areas are crabgrass free and others are covered in it.

***BELOW INFO IS ON THE WINDHAM
MEADOWS WEB
Lawn Watering TIPS***

ARE YOU WATTERING YOUR LAWN? WE WANT OUR AREA TO LOOK NICE DO WE NOT? YOU MUST WATER YOUR LAWN.

You only need to water once a week if you water properly.

Most of you are probably watering for short periods of time all week & watering at the wrong times. Below is some info from various places including the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Watering Practices

New England has a high precipitation rate, so turf grasses here don't have to be watered to survive. Lawns may turn brown and dormant during periods of drought, but will turn green rapidly when moisture in the soil is replaced. **Remember, the more you water your lawn, the faster it's going to grow and the more you will have to mow it!**

- **Conserve resources by not watering unless the grass really needs it.** Let Mother Nature water your lawn!
- **If you choose to water, 1 inch of water is adequate to wet the soil to a depth of 4"-6".**
Place an empty can under the sprinkler to measure when an inch has been applied. If water begins to run off the lawn before an inch is applied, turn off the water and let it soak in for an hour or so, then resume watering until 1" is applied.
- **Water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth.** Light, frequent watering encourages shallow roots and may lead to increased disease and stress injury.
- **The best time to water is in the morning,** because less water is lost through evaporation and transpiration. **Water between 3AM and 6AM**
- **Avoid watering during mid-day and try not to water in the evenings** since a lawn that remains damp during the night is more prone to disease.

Watering

New England lawns only need an inch of water per week, according to the University of New Hampshire. Gardeners can determine how much water they're using by placing an empty tuna can or plastic container in the middle of the

lawn. As the sprinkler runs, the container will begin to fill up. The water should be turned off when an inch of water is in the bottom of the container or can.

- Watering Schedule
- 1. To gauge watering, simply place an empty can about 6 feet away from the sprinkler.
- 2. When there is one inch of water in the can, it is time to move the sprinkler to the next area.
- Sod requires roughly one inch of water per week.
- 3. Reflected sun along buildings dries sod quickly, so be sure to water these areas more often.

Read more: [New England Lawn Care Tips | Garden Guides http://www.gardenguides.com/102577-new-england-lawn-care-tips.html#ixzz20ult7MXl](http://www.gardenguides.com/102577-new-england-lawn-care-tips.html#ixzz20ult7MXl)