

## **Wildflower and Native Seeded Areas**

Newly seeded areas require moist conditions to allow the seed to germinate. Seeding should only be done in the spring and fall when the temperatures are cooler and moisture is more abundant. If seed is set before a frost it is best to water new seed everyday for twice a day to keep the seed moist, allowing it to germinate.

Seeding takes 2-4 years to get a full re-vegetated look. Each seed produces a 6" clump grass that over time will fill in. In most cases it is best to re-seed the second and possibly third year to help fill in areas where seed could have blown away or not germinated.

Fertilizing your native areas can be done however is usually not necessary. Native seeding and wildflower seeding is to resemble nature and no one fertilized nature.

Herbicides must be used carefully and strategically. Many wildflowers look like weeds and with out proper knowledge you may get rid of all of your flowers and not your weeds. Pulling large weeds that are common in wildflower mixes for the first few years is best.

Mowing your wildflower and seeded areas at least once every year in late summer- fall to redistribute the seed heads will help thicken the planting. Mowing more often may be required depending upon specific characteristics of the mix used on your property.