



# Starter Lawn Fertilizer 12-20-6



## OUR PRODUCT

Use whenever seeding a new lawn or over-seeding an established lawn. This special blend provides extra root-building nutrients that are vital to the early growth stages of turfgrass.

### Instructions For Planting New Lawns

Lawn grass roots need at least 6 inches of topsoil (8 to 12 inches is ideal). This allows the grass plants to establish deep, extensive root systems, from which they can take up needed nutrients, water and oxygen. A good soil bed will give a more uniform stand of vigorous turf and will require less frequent watering. Check to determine the depth of your topsoil bed. If you need to add more soil, select soil with a sandy texture rather than one with more silt and clay. Add the new soil in layers 3 to 4 inches thick, and rototill to mix into existing soil for a uniform planting bed.

### Planting Bed Preparation

Planting preparation is the same whether you use seed, sprigs, plugs or sod. Work the soil when it is moist but not wet - soil that sticks to implements is too wet to work. Plow, disc or rototill the soil. Apply this fertilizer at 3.6 pounds per 1000 square feet, and work into the top 2" to 4" of soil, using a spreader to assure even distribution. Use a lawn roller to settle the soil into a firm, even seed bed. Just prior to seeding, sprigging, plugging or sodding, rake the soil surface to create a loose soil structure to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch. Any large clods (over 1/2" in size) or stones should have been raked away and removed. When seeding follow directions on the grass seed package. When sodding, be prepared to lay the rolls as soon after delivery as possible to avoid loss of grass vigor. Stagger the sod strips so that ends abut in the mid-section of the strips to either side. When laying sod on a slope, start at the bottom and work up, taking care to push the sod strips tightly together.

### Guaranteed Analysis

Total Nitrogen (N) .....	12.00%
7.83% Ammoniacal Nitrogen	
4.17% Urea Nitrogen	
Available Phosphate (P2O5) .....	20.00%
Soluble Potash (K2O) .....	6.00%
Iron (Fe) .....	1.00%
0.01% Water Soluble Iron (Fe)	
Derived From: Diammonium Phosphate, Iron Sucrate, Muriate of Potash, Urea	
Chlorine (Cl), not more than 6.00%	F315

## OVERSEEDING ESTABLISHED LAWNS

Apply this fertilizer at the rate of 3.6 pounds per 1000 square feet to the area planned for overseeding. To assure even distribution, use a properly calibrated spreader. Since working the fertilizer into the soil is not possible without disturbing the existing turf, thoroughly water-in the fertilizer, allowing 24 hours for soil penetration before seeding. Follow the directions for over-seeding on the grass seed package.

## EARLY CARE

Once the lawn is planted or seed is spread, watering is critical for success. Frequent light watering will help keep conditions at the soil surface favorable for seed germination or rooting of sod. Don't allow the seedbed to dry out or become soaked. As grass begins to grow, decrease the frequency of watering, but increase the volume of water each time.

### Mowing Tips For New Lawns

Set lawn mower at 1-1/2 inches for new seeded lawns. Lawns which have been started from sprigs and plugs should also be mowed at 1-1/2 inches. Sodded lawns should be allowed to grow to about 2 inches before first mowing.

### Use this formula to calculate the amount of product you need:

x	Length of Property Width of Property	Total Square Feet - Non-Lawn Areas
	Total Square Feet	Total Square Feet Coverage Needed

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**  
**CAUTION:** Fertilizer may cause skin or eye irritation. Flush contacted area with plenty of water, and get medical attention if irritation persists. If swallowed, call a doctor for treatment advice.

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## Covers Approx. 5,000 sq. ft. Net Wt. 18 lbs. (8.20 kg)

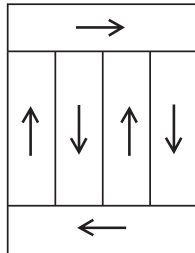
Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is available on the Internet at <http://www.aapfco.org/metals.htm>

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# SPREADER SETTINGS

Spreader	Single Pass	Double Pass
Dyna Green Broadcast	13.5	10
Ames Rotary	15	12
Earthway 11008 (Fertilome) Rotary	15	12
Cyclone SB3000 Rotary	7	6
Scotts AccuGreen AG-3 Drop	8	6.5
Scotts EasyGreen EG-3 Rotary	28	26
Scotts SpeedyGreen SG-3 Rotary	7	5
Spyker 24-22 Rotary	4.1	3.6

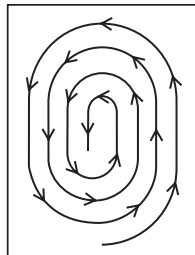
## PATH A



### Drop

First apply two strips at ends. Then apply product along the length of the lawn, shutting off spreader when turning.

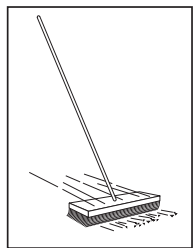
## PATH B



### Rotary

Apply in a circular path, starting on the outside and working toward the center.

## SWEEP



### Sweep

Fertilizer may stain driveways, walks, patios, pools, etc. Sweep off thoroughly immediately after each use.

Note: Spreader settings are approximate and may vary according to the condition of your equipment. Your spreader should be calibrated before use! Shut the spreader off when turning or stopping, to avoid over application and possible turf damage. Excessive overlap, especially with drop spreaders, will cause over application and possible turf damage. Clean and lubricate your spreader after use.

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