



LARGE DIAMETER SEWER REHABILITATION

CARING FOR NEWLY SEEDED & BLANKET-PROTECTED AREAS

Dear Resident:

September 22, 2025



The Village has recently completed seeding and installing erosion-control blankets in several areas within the project area. To ensure healthy grass growth and long-lasting improvements, we kindly ask for your cooperation in helping these areas establish.

What You Can Do to Help

1. Watering



- Please water the seeded area **daily** to thoroughly wet the soil, especially during dry periods.
- The goal is to keep the soil **consistently moist**, but not muddy. Overwatering may cause seeds to wash away.
- Do not water at night or late in the evenings. New seedlings are susceptible to diseases, which are encouraged by prolonged periods of being wet.

2. Blanket Material

- The erosion-control blanket is designed to hold seed and soil in place until the grass is established. **Do not remove it.** It will naturally decompose over time.

3. Foot Traffic

- Please keep children, pets, and foot traffic **off the newly seeded areas**. Walking on the blanket can disturb seed germination

4. Mowing



- Be gentle on the lawn and careful of the netting, it should be significantly deteriorated by the time the grass is ready to mow.
- Consider lightly raking to remove loose netting before mowing. Do not water the lawn for a few days before the first mowing.
- Water your lawn after mowing for the first time. Make sure the mower blade is sharp, as a dull blade can uproot seedlings.
- Once mowing begins, set your mower blades high and cut no shorter than **3 inches**.

5. Fertilizer

- Refrain from applying fertilizer until the Summer of 2026 since it may burn the young grass before then.

6. Herbicides

- Do not apply herbicides to the lawn until the Spring of 2026. Avoid applying herbicides when it is hot and dry. Wait for cooler weather.

7. Patience Pays Off



- Germination may take **2–3 weeks**, depending on weather.
- Full establishment may take **an entire growing season**. With consistent care, you will see strong, healthy turf fill in.

Best Maintenance Practices: Follow the guidelines from the **University of Illinois Extension** at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/lawntalk/index.cfm>.



Regards,

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
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