

# PENNINGTON<sup>®</sup>

THE GRASS SEED PEOPLE<sup>®</sup>

## HOW TO GROW OR REPAIR YOUR LAWN

### 1 PREPARE THE SOIL

#### IF YOU'RE RESEEDING AN EXISTING LAWN

Mow the lawn low enough so that sunlight can reach the soil surface.

Remove debris such as sticks, leaves, or thatch.

#### IF YOU ARE SEEDING A NEW LAWN OR PATCHING A BARE SPOT

Remove debris such as sticks, leaves, or thatch.

Use a rake to loosen the top layer of soil.

#### SOIL AMENDMENTS

Test the levels of nutrients and pH in your soil to see if you need to add a soil amendment. You can use a low-cost test kit or you can send a soil sample to your local extension office for better results. Local extension offices often supply additional recommendations for your soil, as well.

If your pH is low, apply Pennington<sup>®</sup> Fast Acting™ Plus AST™ to raise your pH and help green up your lawn.

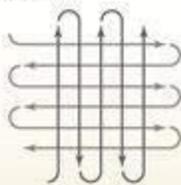
### 2 PLANT THE SEEDS

#### SELECT THE RIGHT SPREADER FOR THE JOB

- For a small lawn, broadcast the seed by hand or use a handheld broadcast spreader.
- For larger lawns, use a broadcast spreader.

#### GET THE PROPER COVERAGE

- Check the label on the seed package for the proper setting for your spreader and adjust the settings to make sure you are applying the seed at the recommended rate.
- The application rate for seeding a new lawn is twice that of the application rate for reseeding an established lawn.
- To get even coverage, work back and forth in one direction and then again in the opposite direction.



### 3 FERTILIZE THE SOIL

- To help grow grass faster, apply starter fertilizer using a spreader.
- Rake gently to work in the seed and fertilizer.

#### CAUTION:

Do not apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as crabgrass preventer or combination weed and feed products until the grass has been established and has been mowed at least 3 to 4 times because pre-emergents will prevent your grass seed from germinating.

### 4 WATER THE SOIL

- Water your lawn every day for at least a week or two unless it rains, until your grass is 3 inches tall.
- After your new grass is established, water one to two times a week for a total of 1 inch of water each week.



Be water smart and choose Pennington Smart Seed<sup>®</sup> premium grade grass seed. After your lawn is established, it will require up to 30% less water year after year versus ordinary grass seed while staying green for up to 3 weeks without water.

**REMEMBER:** Once your lawn is established, one of the best ways to maintain a thick, healthy lawn is to reseed at least once a year. The best time to reseed is in the fall.