

# 2024 Street and Utility Improvement Project Morristown, Minnesota

# Project Update



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This letter is being sent to inform you of the progress of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

### **IF YOU ARE A LANDLORD, PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR RENTERS/TENANTS.**

Holtmeier Construction crews are continuing subcut operations on 1<sup>st</sup> Street SW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW (between Washington Street and Main Street) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (between Main Street and Franklin Street) later this week and into the beginning of next week. Subcutting means that the streets will be excavated, and the top 2.5 feet of soil will be removed. After excavation, edge drains will be installed and a layer of geotextile fabric will be placed over the entire width of the street. Once the fabric is in place, a layer of sand and a layer of gravel will be brought in as a base for the new street. **Please expect no access to driveways during most of the work prior to the gravel being placed.**

Turf Establishment is expected this week along parts of Washington Street, Ann Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. An information sheet entitled *Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area* is included with this Update. Following these guidelines will help in the establishment of your lawn. Some tips include:

- Keep all traffic, including people and pets, out of the newly seeded areas.
- Provide additional watering to your lawn.
- Refrain from mowing newly seeded areas. It will be at least 30 days before these areas will be ready for their first mowing.

Throughout the project, the contractor is continuing to try and maintain access to driveways each night, but this may not be feasible every night. Please be patient if extended periods of wet weather persist.

**If you are interested in receiving future Project Updates by e-mail, please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at [jbrinkman@sehinc.com](mailto:jbrinkman@sehinc.com).**

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

**Dominic Metzger, Resident Project Representative**

# Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

**Please help us establish your new lawn!**

Once the turf area has been seeded, care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. We ask for your assistance to help ensure that the seed area receives adequate water and proper maintenance. **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the germination and establishment period.**

## **WATERING**

Grass seed needs moisture to germinate. After germination, the new grass seedlings are very tender and will die if they dry out. It is very important to water any seeded area until the grass is well established. Lightly water the grass seed during germination to avoid washing away the seed. Once the seed has sprouted, it needs about one inch of water per week. This should be applied in three or four applications.

## **FUTURE MAINTENANCE**

Once the turf begins to thicken and is being mowed, watering can continue at about one inch per week. Be sure to water deeply and infrequently. Frequent light watering causes the grass to grow shallow roots and sets your lawn up for trouble in hot weather. Avoid watering between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the hottest part of the day. It is best to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; there's less wind, less hot sun, and your lawn has a full day to dry. Watering at night invites mildew and fungus, but if you can't water in the morning and must water in the evening, aim for around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

During dry periods you must remember to give the young lawn a little extra water than you would your established lawn and let it grow a little longer before mowing. Fertilize as described below if the grass begins to yellow.

## **MOWING**

Your new seed should not be mowed until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. It may take longer than 30 days for these conditions to occur. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year. ***Your new lawn will die if you cut it too short or during hot weather.***

## **FERTILIZING**

Fertilizer may be needed if the grass begins to yellow. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is required on mature lawns. We recommend a slow-release fertilizer such as 10-0-10 or 22-0-10. Phosphorous type fertilizers such as 10-10-10 may be used on new lawns but should be avoided if the area drains to the storm sewer, ponds, lakes or wetlands.

## **WEEDS**

It happens. Weeds pop among newly planted grass. That's because dormant weed seeds are always present in the soil, and they're waiting to sprout when they get a chance. A good rule of thumb is to wait until you've mowed your new grass at least four times before you treat the weeds with a weed-control product. As always, remember to read the product label for specific information related to the weed-control product you are using.

If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, please call Dominic Metzger, Resident Project Representative, at 507.720.8099.

***Your efforts should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn. We appreciate your assistance.***