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## Welcome to my weekly series!

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest. Email or mail your questions to: info@sprigsandtwigs.net or Linda Lillie, Sprigs & Twigs Inc, PO Box 245, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

## Linda's Advice this Week:

Since the month of September is the best time of year to plant grass, here are a few lawn tips to help ensure a successful planting.

1) Always buy the most expensive seed you can find (cheap seed has more filler material and



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weed seeds in it) and plant the seed in good top soil (if you are not sure, contact us and we can do a soil test). Buy new seed each season, never use left-over seed.

2) Scratch the soil with a hard rake to give the seed a place to make contact with the soil. If you have a lawn roller, you can use it to ensure good contact with the soil; if not just run the back side of your rake over the area you planted.

3) Water heavily, as soon as you can after seeding, to flush seeds into soil grooves.

4) Avoid walking on the lawn for at least 24 hours to allow the seeds to settle.

5) Each day, water lightly in the morning to keep soil surface moist. Water again in the afternoon if the soil dries out. <u>Never water at night</u>. Water until grass has reached 3" tall.

6) Wait at least 7 days after seeding before you mow and then do not cut the lawn shorter than 3.5". Return clippings to your lawn.

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