

# INSTRUCTIONS

GBW Grass

Seed <sup>tm</sup>

## Best Practice Tips for Growing Grass in Clay Soils:

Unfortunately soils with a high clay content make germination more difficult. The main reasons are the clay holds water and can 'drown' the seeds. There are fewer air pockets which roots need to develop and the soil is more compact which makes it difficult for the seed's roots to penetrate.

However there are steps you can take to improve the soil and grow grass seed;

- **Aerate the in-situ soil** using a rake/spike etc. Remove any debris and rocks etc. Loosen the top 1-2 inches of soil.

- **Put down a thin layer of loamy topsoil** for the seeds to bed down in (cover the seeds with 1/4 inch of soil). You can purchase the topsoil (e.g. local garden centre) or transfer some from other areas in your garden.

- **Apply compost or a starter fertilizer** to the soil to enrich it. Ensure you mix any fertiliser you use into the soil prior to seeding and not directly with the seeds (this avoids "burning" the seed).

- **Keep the soil slightly moist** during the first couple of weeks. However keep an eye on the local rainfall because the bigger risk is actually over-watering and 'drowning the seeds'.

