

CARING FOR NEW SOD



WATERING

The key to establishing new sod is to keep it properly watered for the first month. Immediately after installing sod, water thoroughly making it spongy to the step, at least 1 inch of water. Water twice daily, 20 to 30 minutes after sun up and again before sunset, allowing turf at least 1 inch of water until it is firmly rooted (about 2 to 3 weeks). After turf is firmly rooted, less frequent and deeper watering should begin. Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Your new lawn will need more water the first growing season. As it roots deeper over the course of a year, it will need less water. Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry, or windy periods.

MOWING

You will need to mow your lawn 7 to 10 days after installation. Set your mower deck to the highest setting for the first mowing gradually reducing deck height with additional cutting. Never mow so that more than 1/3 of the leaf blade is cut in a single mowing. Keep your mower blade sharp as it will help with moisture retention and help prevent the onset of diseases. Exercise caution the first time you mow so you do not damage or pull up the sod. If some of the sod does move around, don't worry. Just put it back in place and it will grow in.

FERTILIZING

To supply proper nutrition for your lawn, we suggest applying fertilizer no less than 4 times a year. Please use fertilizers with weed control to keep weeds from starting in the lawn. With a minimal amount of work, your lawn will look great and stay healthy.