



NEW SOD CARE

Installed Sod Begin Watering Immediately! Do Not Wait Until the Next Day

First Two Weeks

- Proper watering of sod is essential to the establishment (rooting) of your new sod. It's nearly impossible to over water new sod!
- As a general rule, keep sod and soil moist all throughout the day. As much as 2 - 6 sprinklings during the day (a.m. to p.m.) are required until sod begins to root. Adjust for location, sprinklers, and temperature.
- Please stay off new sod lawns until after the first mowing.
- Try cutting back frequency of irrigations just before its first mow. This will firm up the soil to mow.
- First mow is approximately 14 days after install except in winter (which is longer).
- Mowing high is much less stressful on new sod. Never mow off more than half of the blade.

Three to Four Weeks

- Re-adjust your clock or timer. Reduce frequency of watering gradually after each mowing, while increasing minutes per watering.
- Deeper, less frequent soakings will help roots stretch down deeper and establish quicker into the soil. Pull or tug on turf to check rooting.
- Fertilize your new sod lawn at one month to continue rooting and establishment. Consult your local nursery or landscape contractor for fertilizer recommendations.

Troubleshooting Tips

Sod is not rooting: Most sod varieties will begin to root within 10 - 14 days. Check watering schedule and adjust to deeper, less frequent soakings. Excessive shade will slow down rooting.

Bluish grey spots show up in lawn: Drought stressed spots in the lawn. Try increasing minutes per watering and check or adjust sprinkler coverage.

Mushrooms: Temporary nuisance. As watering get deeper and less often, mushrooms usually dry up and wither away.

Gap between rolls: Sod is shrinking due to lack of water! Increase minutes per watering and frequency to minimize gaps. Also, hand watering sod will help shrink gaps.