

SOD WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

NOW THAT YOU HAVE NEWLY INSTALLED SOD IT IS IMPORTANT TO WATER CORRECTLY!

Water Maintenance (0-10 days):

You will want to water lightly twice a day for around 15-20 minutes per section of lawn. Watering may increase or decrease depending on the weather for that day. If it is hot or windy you will have to water a bit more. It is ok to walk on the grass to inspect it, if the soil appears soft and you make deep footprints, or water is forming into puddles, it is too wet and you should stop watering for a bit. The soil should be damp, not dripping wet, or dusty dry.

Water Maintenance (10-21 days):

Now it is best to water every other day for approximately 30 minutes per section of lawn. Cracks may appear between the rolls this indicates that there isn't enough water being applied and you should water longer or more often. If temperatures exceed 80 degrees F more water is needed, if temperature drops below 60 degrees F less water is needed. In the cooler months of March, April, October, and November, sod needs much less water.

WATERING TIPS

- 1 Avoid walking or stepping on the lawn during the beginning establishment period. It is ok to walk on lawn to inspect.
- 2 Watering early in the morning is the best possible way to take advantage of the daily start of the grass's normal growing cycle.
- 3 Make absolutely certain that water is getting to all areas of your new lawn, regardless of the type of sprinkling system you use. Corners and edges are easily missed by many sprinklers and are particularly vulnerable to drying out faster than the center portion of your lawn.

Mowing

It is ok to mow lawn approximately two weeks after installing or once grass has grown 5 inches. Lawn can be cut to height of roughly 2.5-3.5 inches. You should not water lawn one to two days preceding mowing. Once sod has been established grass height should ideally not exceed 2 inches.

Feeding

It is ok to fertilize lawn 3 to 6 weeks after install. Fertilize using a slow release spreader and a high nitrogen fertilizer at a rate of 1 lb./1,000 square feet. In shadier areas, you can reduce this by half.

Weeding

It is ok to treat lawn with pesticides upon reaching the 10 week mark but no sooner. Manually removing weeds is best.

Established watering

Upon reaching the 3-6 week mark it is best to water your lawn so that it gets 1 inch of water a week. You may not need to supplement watering if we had rainy days. Check your favorite weather source for weekly rain rates.