



After your new sod has been carefully installed, it needs proper continuing maintenance, particularly in the next several weeks, to ensure the success of the installation.

Please follow the watering and care instructions below for the next several weeks:

- You may walk on the lawn to move sprinklers, but keep off sod as much as possible.
- If the edges between the sod pull apart or are separating, you are not applying enough water.
- Make sure to water along pavement surfaces when the temperatures are warmer, as the sod will literally bake next to the hot surface during the establishment.

Water schedule for the first 2 weeks

- Water each day for at least 15 to 20 minutes in each area of lawn. Watering a second time each day is recommended if the temperatures are hot and sunny. It is important to get the water through the sod and into the soil below the sod. Check to make sure you are watering enough by pulling back the sod in several places throughout the lawn to make sure the soil below is moist.
- Do not fertilize or mow the lawn yet.

Watering schedule after 2 weeks

- Water every other day for 30 minutes or so.
- The sod should be difficult to pull up – do not force it up. The root system is establishing... and should not be pulled from the soil.
- Tug lightly to assure good rooting. If the lawn is not rooting, you may not be watering enough.
- Do not fertilize.

Watering schedule after 3 weeks

- After 3 weeks you can start to cut the lawn as needed.
- Watering can be cut back to 2 or 3 times a week.

You may apply a fertilizer six weeks after sod is put down. If you are applying the product, follow the label instructions very carefully. Do not let your turf company treat any new turf until it's ready.

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