



# NEW LAWN CARE GUIDE

How to care for your newly  
installed lawn to ensure  
healthy green grass.



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# SOD INSTALLATION

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- Water immediately! Do NOT wait until the following day to water your new lawn. (You can't water enough the first couple days)
- The first 7-14 days is crucial for the health of the sod.
- Water consistently! Areas of high light and regular summer heat optimally need 45-60 minutes of water twice per day.
- Your sod should be moist, and the first week it can be watered until it is soggy. Adjust watering schedule according to weather conditions.
- Optimal watering times are early mornings, late afternoon / early evening & after dark.
- Stay off sod as much as you can until after first mowing (recommend push mower for the first cut or two)
- Sod will begin to root in approximately 10 to 14 days.
- First mowing can occur approximately 14 days after installation.
- Try to use a push mower or light lawn mower the first few cuts to keep from leaving ruts or damaging the sod.
- Mow on the highest setting as it is the least stressful to new sod. (Blow off any chunks of grass if they occur when cutting)
- If edges of sod are turning brown or you notice gaps between sod rolls, the sod is not getting enough water. Adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- Fertilize your new sod with 10/10/10 starter fertilizer to encourage further root development.



# SEED & STRAW

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- Give that seed a nice healthy drink immediately. You want to GENTLY water (you don't want to wash away the seed) and then keep the seedbed moist. If the seedbed dries out, your seed won't germinate.
- Fertilize your new lawn with 10/10/10 starter fertilizer to encourage further root development.
- Milorganite or starter fertilizer can be applied to help get grass growing faster/greener. DONT use herbicides the first 9 months.
- Water consistently! Areas of high light and regular summer heat optimally need 10-15 minutes of watering 3 times per day. Shaded areas may get by with less.
- You want your soil to be moist, but not muddy or soggy. If the seedbed gets too wet, the roots will rot and kill off your lawn. Adjust schedule according to the weather and soil conditions.
- Optimal watering times are early mornings and late afternoon / early evening. Over-seed in Fall/Spring!
- New lawn is fragile! Be careful not to walk excessively across lawn.
- As your grass matures it will become a darker green color.
- RESIST THE URGE TO MOW! Let your grass turn a nice rich green color and approximately 8" tall before mowing. Mow on the highest setting with a push mower. Do not run heavy lawn equipment over your new lawn.
- Overseeding is necessary for new lawns. Over seed in the fall or spring.