



proVista

# Installation & Establishment Guide

## Getting started

Choosing the right sod and knowing how to properly prepare the selected area for installation can make all the difference in the world when it comes to growing your gorgeous lawn.

Scott's® ProVista™ sod is ideal for homeowners in the South, where winters are mild and summers are hot. And it grows uniformly in sun or shade, so your entire lawn is a lush, deep, enviable green.

For optimal growth you'll want to properly prepare the area before installation. Follow these easy steps to prepare your lawn:

1. **Test your soil** to determine its nutrient level and pH balance so you know if you need to add any amendments before putting down your sod.
2. **Remove existing grass and debris**, leveling the area and making sure you have a system and schedule in place for watering the area.
3. **Schedule the installation** as early in the day as possible, especially on hot, windy days.
4. **Water the area beforehand** so it is damp, but not muddy. Moist soil makes it easier for roots to take hold.

**To lay the sod, start by staggering the pieces** (picture a stacked brick wall) and overlapping the seams between each square, setting the squares as close and tightly as possible. Use a sod roller at least one time to help make sure your sod lies completely flat and is seamless.

**After installation, treat your lawn with care for the first full year.** Regular watering and fertilization will be important to a healthy establishment. Areas with shade, traffic or other stresses will need extra patience and proactive care. A healthy, established lawn in the first year will provide lots of enjoyment and require less work for many years thereafter.



## When to water

A steady watering plan is key for the health and growth of your grass. Here are some best practices when it comes to watering your sod:

- **Water at least twice a day for the first two to three weeks**, then 1-2 times per week thereafter - giving your grass ½" of water each time. Reduce frequency and/or amount based on rainfall and any local regulations.
- **Water early in the morning** if possible, and do so deeply and evenly.
- **Check on the moisture** of the soil surface frequently to ensure it's not being overwatered; dial down if necessary.



## Mowing

Since new sod needs time to establish roots, it is recommended that you don't mow for about the first four to six weeks after getting the new sod installed.

Mowing best practices:

- **A recommended mowing height is 3"-4"** using sharp blades to ensure a clean cut.
- **Avoid waiting too long between mows** and change the mowing pattern from time to time to avoid excessive traffic.
- **Mowing should reduce the height** of the grass by no more than 1/3 to keep the grass healthy.
- **Leave clippings on the lawn** to act as natural fertilizer (bagging is ok if preferred).

Remember - Scotts ProVista requires half the mowing versus conventional St. Augustinegrass. So enjoy the time you save!

## Fertilization

After about a month you can apply fertilizer to give your sod the nutrients it needs to survive and thrive. Some fertilizer products also include weed and/or pest control to help maintain your new, beautiful lawn.

Once fully established, Scotts ProVista requires half the fertilizer to maintain the same quality and color as conventional St. Augustinegrass.

Consult local regulations for blackout periods or other restrictions on when and what to apply.



## Weed Control

When new sod is laid, weeds that have been in the soil waiting may start popping up due to the increased water and fertilization; so it's good to have a plan of action to prevent and control what you can. The good news is, Scotts ProVista stays clean with its tight, dense growth which helps crowd out weeds by leaving them little room to grow. To keep your grass looking fresh, use your standard toolkit of pre-emergent and post-emergent products. The standard toolkit isn't foolproof, but it should take care of most weeds.

There are, though, invasive, grassy weeds like common bermuda, torpedo-grass or tropical signalgrass, which can be nearly impossible to remove from conventional lawns without hurting the desirable turf. Fortunately, Scotts ProVista provides Professionals another tool for their kit (the non-selective herbicide, Glyphosate) to remove such weeds without harming the turf.

- **Before the Glyphosate application, wait one month after sodding** and make sure it is tank mixed with a pre-emergent herbicide that is safe during the establishment period. Prior to a Glyphosate application, your Scotts ProVista turfgrass should be healthy, free of stress, and vigorously growing.
- **Apply 41% Glyphosate at 64 fl oz per acre** (or 1.5 fl oz per 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) in a carrier volume of 40 gal per acre (or 1 gal per 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) with a maximum of 3 broadcast applications per calendar year. Rates apply using a straight 41% Glyphosate product only.



## Destructive Insects

Weeds aren't the only pests when it comes to maintaining your beautiful lawn. With new sod come insects that are taking advantage of the periods of stress for your lawn. You may not see them, but you will be able to see the damage done to the sod.

Keep an eye out and focus on being proactive with pest control when the conditions are favorable. The most common destructive insects to look for are:

- **Sod Webworms** - (small, rice-sized, clear/green worms that feed on leaf tissue) prevalent in summer and fall with preference for newly established turf.
- **Chinch Bugs** - (small, pinhead-sized black and white winged bugs that feed on stems) prevalent in spring and summer especially in drought conditions.
- **Mole Crickets** - (similar in size to a peanut, brown in color, feed on the grass root system) prevalent year round.

If you suspect any of these insects, you can search the internet for imagery to confirm. Once you have correctly identified the target insect, you can treat accordingly.

## Turfgrass Diseases

Even grass can get sick under the wrong conditions such as poor weather, stress and insect damage. Two common diseases you may come across as you maintain your new lawn are the following.

- **Grey Leaf Spot** - (small brown/grey lesions on leaves) prevalent in summer.
- **Large Patch** - (circular patches/rings of dried out, necrotic grass blades) prevalent in fall and winter.

Like you watch for insects, also keep an eye out on the overall health of your lawn so you can proactively manage disease as the conditions change. To accurately identify either of these diseases, you can search the internet for corresponding imagery. Once confirmed, refer to the information provided to treat accordingly.

## Seasonal Guidance

High heat, dry and/or windy conditions during some months may cause turfgrass to dry out more easily - so extra water may be needed. This is also the time to keep an eye out on certain pests and diseases that thrive in these conditions.

Because Scotts ProVista grows slowly naturally, it may appear more brown in the winter and slower to green up in the spring. To give your grass a boost, you should feed it in the fall before it gets cold and in the spring as soon as it starts to green up.

## Product Recommendations

### Fertilizer

#### HOMEOWNER

**Spring:** Scotts® Turf Builder® Bonus® S Southern Weed & Feed

**Late Spring:** Scotts® Turf Builder® UltraFeed™ or Scotts® Turf Builder® Southern Lawn Food

**Fall:** Scotts® Turf Builder® Southern Triple Action

#### PROFESSIONAL

**Granular:** At least 50% slow release Nitrogen, 0% Phosphorous, 1:1 to 2:1 Potassium; plus small % of Iron, Manganese and Magnesium. (ex: 15-0-15, 24-0-11)

**Foliar:** Use for quicker greening response but with caution where conditions may lead to burning.



### Weed Control

#### HOMEOWNER

Ortho® Weed B Gon® Weed Killer for St. Augustinegrass



#### PROFESSIONAL

**Pre-Emergent for Annual Grassy Weeds:**

Proflam, Dithiopyr, S-Metolachlor

**Post-Emergent for Broadleaf Weeds:**

Atrazine, Sulfentrazone, Metsulfuron methyl, Penoxsulam, Dicamba, 2,4-D

**Post-Emergent for Sedges and Kyllinga:**

Halosulfuron, Sulfentrazone

### Insect Control

#### HOMEOWNER

**Systemic (Prevent):** Scotts® GrubEx® Season Long Grub Killer

**Contact (Kill):** Ortho® brand Lawn & Landscape Insect Killer products



#### PROFESSIONAL

**Sod Webworms, Armyworms:** Bifenthrin (contact), Trichlorfon (contact), Chlorantraniliprole (systemic)

**Chinch Bugs:** Clothianidin (systemic), Trichlorfon (contact)

### Disease Control

#### HOMEOWNER

Scotts® DiseaseEx™ Lawn Fungicide



#### PROFESSIONAL

**Grey Leaf Spot, Large Patch, Take-All Patch:**

Azoxystrobin, Fluoxastrobin, Propiconazole, Iprodione

### Recovery & Repair

Scotts® EZ Patch™ Lawn Repair for St. Augustine Lawns



### Where can I purchase Scotts ProVista sod for my property/lawn?

You can contact your landscaper or reach out to one of the growers on ProVistaTurf.com.

### How can I convert or renovate my existing property/lawn to Scotts ProVista?

Converting to Scotts ProVista requires the existing turf/lawn be removed or killed so that Scotts ProVista can successfully establish.

### Can I grow Scotts ProVista anywhere - even where my previous grass would not?

No. While Scotts ProVista provides significant benefits over conventional turfgrass, including better quality in the sun and in the shade, it is not a "super turf" and will only grow where conventional turfgrass can grow.

# FAQs

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