

The Cottages Sod Installation Standards

- Call 811 *Utility Locates*, before work starts for FPL electric and BSU water lines
- Bradford Irrigation can locate the irrigation lines 239-287-2664
- Notify the Cottages HOA for extra irrigation on the new lawn.

1. Dig out and remove the thatch layer and surface roots. A core soil sample will show how much to remove on an individual property. It may be approx. 6"-8" or less but thatch must be removed to the natural sandy soil level.
2. Large tree roots should be cut and removed.
3. Add several inches of new soil and some micro-nutrients.
4. Sod strips depth at least 3-4 feet wide, if possible, allows the sod to sustain itself.
5. Install so the edge of the new sod is level with the street curb with a gradual rise back into the shrub line.
6. Install sod up to or into the shrub edges; sod edges should be curved on the house side.

Agronomist Recommended Grass Varieties

1. St. Augustine var. *Floritam* or *Palmetto* are recommended. St. Augustine is cut 4" high.
2. Zoysia grass (is not recommended) requires extra watering by the homeowner in dry months. Zoysia is cut 2" high.
3. The Cottages HOA recommends the St. Augustine. Different types of grass will eventually be spread between lawns leading to an undesirable appearance.