



## New Sod

Your lawn has been carefully installed and needs continual maintenance, particularly in the next several months to ensure healthy growth and condition. Please follow these care instructions:

- Days 0 – 21
  - Water each area 3-4 times a day for 20 minutes each watering. It is important for the water to saturate the sod and into the soil below. Check the edges of the sod by pulling back the corners to ensure the soil is moist.
- Days 21 – 42
  - Water each area 1-2 times daily for 30 minutes each watering. Continue to check the edges of the sod by pulling back the corners to ensure the soil is moist.
  - Sod should be establishing a root system and will need to be mowed. For the first couple of mows, ensure the blades are sharp. Keep the deck at the highest setting. Riding mowers are not recommended. It is best to contact a lawn care professional for information on treating your lawn during this period.
- Days 42+
  - Water approximately twice a week and apply at least 1" of water per week. Sod should be well rooted and able to withstand normal wear. Continue mowing as needed at a height no less than 3".

### Quick Tips:

- Shrinkage, discoloration, or gapping indicates sod has not been watered enough.
- Sod near concrete and foundation tend to have warmer temperatures and require more watering.
- Windy and warm conditions may necessitate more frequent watering.
- For lawn treatment information, it is best to contact a lawn care professional.