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# "HOW-TO" GUIDE

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# Sod

**INSTALL YOUR SOD IMMEDIATELY AND BEGIN WATERING.  
DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY.**

Sod is perishable and must be installed immediately. Heat can build up within a roll and cause damage to the turf. Most successful sod installations are installed right after delivery to the jobsite. After rolling, begin irrigation six inches down into the soil until it's difficult to walk on.

## **FIRST TWO WEEKS:**

- ❑ Proper watering of sod is essential to establishment (rooting) of your new sod. It's nearly impossible to over-water new sod.
- ❑ As a general rule, keep sod and soil moist all throughout the day. As much as 2-6 sprinklings during the day (AM to PM) are required until the sod begins to root. Adjust for location, sprinklers, temperature and soil types.
- ❑ Stay off the new lawn until after the first mowing.
- ❑ Cut back the frequency of irrigation just before the first mow.
- ❑ First mow is approximately 10-14 days after install except in winter when that time will be longer.
- ❑ Mowing high is much less stressful on new sod. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the blade.

## **THREE TO FOUR WEEKS:**

- ❑ Readjust your clock or timer. Reduce frequency of waterings gradually after each mowing, while increasing minutes per watering.
- ❑ Deeper, less frequent soakings will help roots stretch down deeper and establish quicker into the soil. Pull or tug on turf to check rooting.
- ❑ Fertilize new sod lawn at 1 month to continue rooting and establishment. Consult your local Nursery for fertilizer recommendations.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS:**

**Sod not rooting:** Most sod varieties will begin to root within 10-14 days. Check watering schedule and adjust to deeper, less frequent soakings. Excessive shade will slow down rooting.

**Bluish-gray spots in lawn:** Drought stressed spots in lawn. Try increasing minutes per watering and check or adjust sprinkler coverage.

**Mushrooms:** A temporary nuisance. As waterings get deeper and less often, mushrooms usually dry up and wither away.