



Sod Installation Instructions

- Remove existing vegetation with a rototiller, a walk behind sod cutter or a shovel. The soil must be bare.
- Fill in low areas and cut down high spots so water won't pond.
- Grade with a fine rake for a smooth surface, free from rocks and debris.
- Install sod beginning along a straight line like a driveway or sidewalk.
- Lay in a straight line and stagger the joints like brick.
- Use either a spade shovel, hatchet, or utility knife to cut the sod.
- Use cut off pieces to fill in any holes.
- Be sure to keep the seams tight.
- **Option:** Roll sod with a 200-600 pound smooth roller.
- Once you have completed an area that your sprinkler will cover, water thoroughly for approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours or until the sod is completely saturated. Pay special attention to perimeters, corners, and under trees. While irrigating the first area, continue laying sod until another area is ready for your sprinkler and repeat the watering instructions. When complete, start the watering process over until the sod is completely saturated the first day.

Watering

- Days 1 thru 3: water two times a day between 5-10 AM, then 4-7 PM for 45 minutes each.
- Days 4 thru 14: water one time per day in the AM (best) or PM.
- Once established Tall Fescue blend requires .75-1 in per week.
- Water twice per week, if needed, to supplement mother nature.

Mowing

- Mow the new sod on the highest setting 10-14 days after installation. Gradually lower the height each time you mow until you reach the desired height.
- Tall Fescue: 2.5 inches in spring and fall and 3 inches during summer
- Never cut more than 1/3 of the blade when mowing.
- Mow every 5-7 days or as needed.
- Very important to keep mower blades sharp.

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