

NEW SOD MAINTENANCE



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Watering Newly Laid Sod

Water is the single most important tip for successful sod installation.

Water Immediately.

Our basic rule has always been: A half inch of water in the first 10-15 minutes is better than 3 inches of water a few hours later.

Water Deeply.

To maximize results, the ground must be kept moist.

IMPORTANT: Ensure water has penetrated the sod by lifting a corner and checking the ground beneath.

WATERING SCHEDULE

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Day 1	Water	Water		
Day 2	Water		Water	Water
Day 3	Water	Water		
Day 4	Water			
Day 5	Water	Water	Water	Water
Day 6	Mow	Mow	Mow	Mow
Day 7	Mow	Mow	Mow	Mow

WATERING GAUGE TIP.

1. To gauge watering, simply place an empty straight-edge can or container about 6 feet away from the sprinkler.
2. When there is a half inch of water in the can, it is time to move the sprinkler to the next area.
3. Reflected heat along buildings dries sod quickly. Be sure to water these areas more often.

Mowing Newly Laid Sod

For best results, mow your new sod 7 days after installation and perpendicular to the direction it was laid. Adjust your cutting height if needed.

IMPORTANT: The most common and disastrous installation mistake is NOT mowing 6-7 days after installation.

Mowing Established Sod

Mow your lawn a minimum of once per week, and twice per week during peak growing season (mid Spring/early Summer). NEVER REMOVE MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE GRASS BLADE. Ideal mowing height is 2 1/4" tall but no lower than 1 1/2" and not over 3".

MOWING TIPS

1. Your new living carpet needs mowing 6-7 days after installation.
2. The basic mowing rule: never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade during a single mowing.
3. Set your mower at a cutting height of approximately 2 1/4".
4. For best appearance and better resistance to disease, be sure to keep your mower blades sharp.

