# NEW SOD MAINTENANCE



### Watering Newly Laid Sod

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

#### Water Immediately.

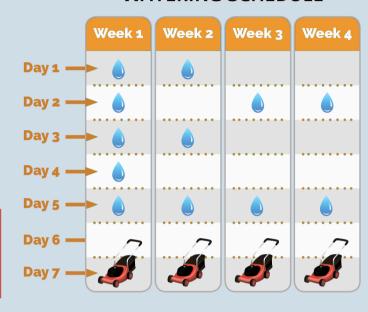
Our basic rule has always been: A half inch of water in the first 10–15 minutes is better than 3 inches of water a few hours later.

#### 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**



#### 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**

 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.