



PLEASE READ! VERY IMPORTANT
HOT WEATHER WARNING!

CARE INSTRUCTION FOR YOUR NEW LAWN! LAY YOUR SOD RIGHT AWAY AND WATER IMMEDIATELY.

The first two weeks after sod is laid, watering is very important. Keep new sod fully saturated for the first two weeks, watering as often as needed. **Most Important! New lawns should be watered 15-20 minutes, three times a day. 6 am, 10 am, and 2 pm for the first 14 days are recommended.** Subsequent watering instructions are given in the additional pamphlets. Hand watering will not be sufficient. **DO NOT WATER AT NIGHT!**

Most Common Errors with Sod Care and Installations

- **Improper Irrigation Systems** Hand watering will not suffice! Sprinkler heads must rise above lawn level, water patterns must overlap, and timers are recommended.
- **Covering Sod** Do not cover sod with plastic, shade cloth, burlap, or anything! Have sod delivered only when you are ready to install immediately. Never cover it!
- **Doing Preparation While Laying Sod** Prepare at least two days in advance. You will spot uneven areas and get poor drainage.
- **Not Pre-Irrigating** Water the area of installation the night before. Dry soil under new sod robs the roots of moisture.
- **Not Using a Roller, Twice** Light rolling after sod is installed minimizes poor initial contact. Roll as final step in preparation and installation.
- **Not Watering as You Install** After every ten pieces (50 sq. ft.), take a break, and lightly water everything you've installed, as you go.
- **Applying Fungicide Don't** Do not apply fungicide to a new lawn! It is very rare that a new lawn develops fungus.
- **Delaying the First Mowing** Mow for the first time in 8-12 days after installation. Waiting longer does not aid establishment.
- **Mowing Too Short** Never remove more than 1/3 of the blade length in any one mowing. Check the mowing heights of the variety you've chosen. If your lawn gets out of hand, reduce blade length by 1/3 over a succession of mowing 5 days apart.
- **Heavy Traffic** Even light foot traffic should be avoided for four weeks.
- **Premature Feeding** Never feed before a lawn is one month old. Tender, new lawns do not take well to a "hot" feeding. Never feed before a lawn is one month old. Then, only feed with a mild, balanced (eg 16-16-16) time release fertilizer; not ammonium sulfate.
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Failure to Read, Understand, Follow, and Keep this Guide—Could void your limited warranty of our product.

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FOLLOW THE WATERING GUIDELINES BELOW FOR YOUR SOD TO STAY GREEN YEAR ROUND

THERE IS NO PRECISE FORMULA THAT WORKS FOR EVERY LAWN. YOU NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT WORKS WELL FOR YOUR LAWN, SOIL TYPE AND AREA ALL LAWNS REQUIRE WORK AND ATTENTION

WATERING

The amount & scheduling of watering depends on the weather and the time of year your sod is laid. Remember that during dramatic weather changes or season changes, new grass can easily go into shock.

WINTER: Water as needed (winter weather tends to water your lawn for you).

SPRING: Depending on your soil condition either sandy or clay soil, just make sure that your lawn does not dry out. Allow the soil to stay moist and not over watered (See troubleshooting guidelines below.)

SUMMER: June, July, August & September are very hot and dry months. You will need to water your lawn first thing in the morning and then again at mid-day or at the hottest time of the day. The watering time is split up to ensure that your grass has water throughout the day and will not dry out. **Never water at night.** Watering at night can result in fungus growth. **MYTH:** Watering in the afternoon will burn your lawn. **FACT:** Over-watering that creates puddles on the lawn can cause the area to cook. Regular watering in the afternoon will not burn the grass.

FALL: Depending on your soil condition either sandy or clay, just make sure that your lawn does not dry out. Allow the soil to stay moist and not over watered (See troubleshooting guidelines below.)

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM: Brown Spots (Before the brown spots appear your grass will turn dark green in color.)

SOLUTION: *Your sod is not getting enough water. Increase your watering time. Brown spots can also be caused by pet urine. If you have pets, increase the watering time for that designated area or hand water each spot to dilute the urine.*

PROBLEM: Yellow Spots.

SOLUTION: *This is a sign of over-watering. Reduce the amount of watering by a few minutes on each day until the sod returns to its normal color.*

PROBLEM: Spider Webbing or Grey Spotting.

SOLUTION: *This is Fungus. The lawn needs to be treated with a fungicide. Fungicides can be purchased at any local garden store. Store clerks can help you decide which product is right for your situation. Follow the manufactures directions for application of product.*

FOR BEST RESULTS, TRY TO CATCH THESE PROBLEMS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

MOWING AND FERTILIZING

- 1) New sod can be mowed after the sod has been down for at least two weeks.
- 2) **Important Mowing Tip:** If the finished mowing height is 2" but before mowing the grass length in 4", we recommend that the grass be cut in 2 passes, taking 1" off at a time. This will reduce the amount of shock on the grass.
- 3) The first fertilizer treatment can be done after the sod has been down for one month.
SPRING & SUMMER: We recommend using 15-15-15
FALL & WINTER: We recommend using 21-7-14
FERTILIZE AT MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
- 4) Water thoroughly after each fertilizer treatment.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF AT 800-721-4800

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS AND ENJOY YOUR NEW LAWN