

Sod Installation Guide

The following steps are essential to the establishment of a lawn:

1. Prepare the site prior to the arrival of the sod.

- Remove weeds and debris.
- Establish a rough grade and eliminate low spots.
- Spread and rototill a minimum of 3 cubic yards of organics per 1,000 square feet at least 2 inches deep.
- Level and rake the installation site until it is smooth.
- Grade areas along sidewalks and driveways approximately 1 ½ inches below top of concrete.

2. Have on site all hoses and sprinklers for the initial watering.

- Make sure sprinkler system is performing properly.
- Understand the operation of your sprinkler clock for proper watering of the new and established lawn.

3. Order sod to be delivered once site is prepared and the sprinkler system is understood and operating properly.

4. Install the sod immediately after delivery.

- Arrange the rolls so there is a minimum amount of traffic on the prepared soil and the newly installed grass.
- Start along the longest straight edge such as the driveway or the sidewalk and lay sod in a horizontal brick pattern;



- Once an area of approximately 15 feet by 15 feet has been laid, unrolled, and fertilized, water immediately. The objective is to not let the sod dehydrate.
- Butt ends and sides of the sod strips making sure there is no overlapping and no gaps.
- Fit the sod around obstacles or in smaller places by simply cutting the dirt side with a sharp sod knife.

5. Water properly.

- Once all the sod is laid, begin watering to build up the sub-soil moisture.
 - See “New Sod Watering Guide” for more details.

6. Keep pet and foot traffic on the new lawn to a minimum for at least 2 weeks, but preferably for 30 days.

