



HELPFUL WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

We hope you enjoy your new sod. To care for and protect your new lawn, be sure to give your sod the water it needs as it works to establish its root system into the top soil. Below are some basic watering instructions for your new lawn.

SOD

For your new sod, please follow these helpful tips below:

- **Establishment Waterings.** New sod must be kept semi-moist for the first two (2) weeks (at a minimum) - with up to three (3) weeks during the warmest summer days. Apply ½ to 1" of water per application (daily amount depends on season sod was installed, average daily temps, humidity, wind and sun exposure). Make sure sod maintains an even semi-moist state (not saturated) for at least the first two (2) weeks. New sod should never be allowed to completely dry out. One day with a complete dry-out can "burn up" the sensitive and fragile root systems.
- **Watering Schedule.** Best time to water is early morning (before noon). Midday waterings are ineffective as most of the water evaporates before reaching the root system. If you miss an early morning watering, you can water in the evening but we recommend making this the exception to the rule as this may increase the risk of certain diseases and insects.
- **Best Tools.** There are all types of sprinklers available today for your lawn watering. The most important thing about choosing the right sprinkler for your turf areas and space, is to monitor the spray and concentration of water so that every part of the new sod is being adequately watered and not missed—especially the corner areas and/or turf that abuts hardscaped areas (like walkways, curbs, etc.).
- **Use of New Turf.** Remember to not mow, entertain, play or walk on your new sod for the first 2 weeks while the new roots establish themselves. (You can walk very gently over sod when positioning and moving your sprinklers during waterings.) It is not a good idea to leave a hose sitting on top of new sod, especially with direct sun exposure. This can kill the delicate sod below the sitting hose or cause a burned impression on the sod.
- **Dogs.** While you may love your dog, it's important to note that any amount of dog urine will kill new sod or established turf. Any areas that 'burn out' from dog urine will need to be removed, the soil cultivated and new grass seed installed with daily watering until established. For a beautiful, lush lawn without the 'burn out areas' we strongly recommend taking your dog for a walk versus having full reign of your turf areas for bathroom breaks.



MAINTENANCE WATERING

Following the first 3 weeks, your lawn should be watered 1-2x per week depending on temperature, sun exposure, humidity and rainfall—and personal aesthetics, of course.

WATERING NEW SEED

If new grass seed has been applied (versus sod), you must keep the seeded areas semi-moist to moist (but never saturated) for a period of three (3) weeks as the small root systems take shape.