



SOD CITY LANDSCAPING LLC Sod Care & Maintenance Guide

IRRIGATION/WATERING (MOST IMPORTANT)

Proper watering is critical to ensure your new sod establishes successfully.

First 2 Weeks:

- Water **2–3 times per day** (morning, midday, early evening)
- Keep sod **consistently moist** (not dry, not puddled)
- Focus on soaking the soil beneath the sod
- Apply about **1 inch of water per cycle**. To measure this, place a jar/container in the lawn and run your sprinkler in 30-minute increments until the jar reaches 1 inch.

Weeks 3–4:

- Water **once per day**, deeper and longer

After 4 Weeks:

- Transition to a normal watering schedule (2–3 times per week)

⚠ Important: If the sod dries out, it can shrink, turn brown, and fail.

ESTABLISHMENT TIMELINE

Days 1–14 (Shallow Root Stage):

- Water daily to keep sod and soil moist
- Avoid all foot traffic to prevent shifting or poor rooting

Weeks 2–3:

- Roots begin to establish into the soil

Weeks 4–6 (Full Establishment):

- Sod should be firmly rooted and attached to the ground
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FIRST MOWING

- Mow when the sod reaches about **3–4 inches tall**
- Usually around **2–3 weeks after installation**
- Make sure the mower blade is sharp
- Do not cut more than **1/3 of the grass height**

FERTILIZATION

- Do **not apply fertilizers or chemicals** immediately after installation
- Apply a starter fertilizer **4 weeks after installation** (follow product instructions for best results)

GENERAL TIPS

- Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation
- Check edges and seams — these areas dry out faster
- Adjust watering based on weather (hot days = more water - up to 3 times a day)
- Avoid walking on new sod for the **first 2–3 weeks**
- Keep pets and heavy use off the area upon new installation

REMEMBER

Your new lawn's success depends heavily on **proper watering and care**, especially in the first few weeks.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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