

Sod Laying Instructions

(To order sod call 209-983-8538 at least 48 hours in advance)

Soil Preparation: Remove all debris, rocks, and weeds. Add 2 to 3 inches of soil amendment from Eden Garden Supply to retain moisture and nutrients. Then work up the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Break up any clods.

Sprinklers: A successful lawn is not guaranteed unless an in-ground sprinkler system is installed. Now is the proper time for easy installation.

Grading: Smooth all surfaces to be sodded. Roll lightly or irrigate to expose any irregularities. The ground level should be 1 inch below the sprinklers and sidewalks. Rake in a granular starter fertilizer.

Laying the Sod: Do not leave the sod on the pallet for more than 18 hours. Never lay sod on hot, bone dry soil. Turn on the sprinklers for a short period first. Start along the longest straight edge and when you start the second row, stagger the joints as in laying brick. Butt the joints tightly but do not overlap the edges. If there is no mow strip or bender board at the edge, mound a small amount of soil along exposed edges to prevent dehydration of the edge. Roll the sod to insure good soil contact. You can rent a roller from Eden.

Watering: The hotter and dryer the weather, the greater need for fast initial watering. The first watering should completely saturate the ground (1 to 2 hours). The sod needs watering at least 30 minutes 2-3 times during the day in hot weather, 1-2 times daily during moderate weather, and 1 time daily for winter installations. Evening watering should be avoided because that promotes fungus. After 2 weeks watering can be reduced if no stress is apparent. After 3 weeks normal watering should be adequate. Deeper less frequent watering promotes deeper root growth and is more effective than shallow daily watering.

Mowing: Mow on a high setting after 10 days. Thereafter, mow often enough to maintain a height of 2 to 2.5 inches.

Long Term Care: A good complete fertilizer such as Turf Supreme by BEST (16-6-8) or one recommended by Eden Garden Supply should be applied in the spring and fall. The frequency of fertilizing will depend on your soil, local climate, and desired color. Follow directions closely when applying fertilizer.

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