



**Fertilizing:**

We have applied a starter fertilizer for you. The next fertilization should be in about 6 weeks. You can then use a regular fertilizer, but for the first year use it at half the recommended strength. New seed is easy to burn.

**Additional Notes:**

Many things affect seed germination such as soil temps., moisture, and weather. This is a process that might take 2 months for the seed to germinate and establish. At about 5 weeks you should start to see the seed thickening and filling in.

**New Sod Care Instructions****Watering Schedule:**

You should start watering your sod right after it's laid, watering in sections is a good way when you don't have a sprinkler system. You should follow this watering schedule as a rule of thumb:

-3 times a day for the first 4 days, at 20-30 minutes per section

-2 times a day for the next 4 days for 20-30 minutes per section

-1 time per day for the next 4 days for 20-30 minutes per section.

**IMPORTANT: Do not allow sod and under soil to dry out, it must stay wet for the first 2 weeks**

**Mowing Schedule:**

Before you mow do a test, see if you can pull up on the sod, if you can pull it off the ground then don't mow yet. Continue watering until it has rooted. Once sod has rooted, don't water for one day, so you can cut the next day. Never cut the sod when it is wet. Set mower height to its highest setting for the first mowing. Water immediately after cutting it the first time.

**Mowing should be approximately 11-14 days after installation**

**Traffic:**

For the first 2-3 weeks stay off of the sod, heavy foot traffic by pets or humans should be avoided during this time frame. Moving of sprinklers is an exception.

**Fertilizing:**

We have put down a starter fertilizer for you, so no fertilization is necessary for 6 weeks. At this time you can then put down a fertilizer with weed control if you choose.

**Additional Notes:**

Continued Watering needs to be done. Normal watering requirements for your yard should be 1" of water per week, by nature or by sprinklers. Additional watering may be needed during long dry, and or hot spells. The best time to water is early morning hours. Night watering can lead to disease.