



## **NEWLY SODDED LAWNS MANAGEMENT**

Your new lawn needs proper maintenance to ensure success, particularly in the first several weeks. Please follow the watering and care instructions below to ensure successful establishment.

- You may walk on the lawn to move sprinklers, but keep non-essential foot traffic to a minimum during the first few weeks of establishment.
- You are not applying enough water if the edges between the sod pull apart or are separating.
- Do not water at night or late in the evenings. New seedlings are susceptible to disease.
- Water along pavement surfaces when temperatures are warmer, as the hot surface will bake the sod.

### **MAINTENANCE PRACTICES (0-10 DAYS)**

- Water each day for at least 15 to 20 minutes in each area of lawn.
- Water a second time each day when sunny and temps are over 75 degrees.
- Ensure the soil under the sod is moist by checking multiple corners.
- Do not fertilize or mow the lawn.

### **MAINTENANCE PRACTICES (11-21 DAYS)**

- Water every other day for 30 minutes per zone.
- Check corners of sod to ensure soil remains moist and sod is rooted.
- Do not mow unless the grass is above 5". Never cut below 3.5" in height.
- Do not apply fertilizer during this period.

## GENERAL CARE FOR NEWLY SODDED LAWNS

Time	Water	Mowing	Supplemental Fertilizer	Other Application
0-10 days	3/4" 2-3x/week (weather depending)	No	No	No
10-21 days		First cut after 12-14 days	No	No
3-6 weeks	3/4" 2-3x/week (weather depending)	Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	3/4 lb. slow release N/1000 sq ft	No
22-28 days		Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	No	No
6 weeks+	3/4" 2-3x/week (weather depending)	Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	No	No
7-10 weeks		Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	Next regular app	First pesticide app
3 months	3/4" 2-3x/week (weather depending)	Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	No	No
6 months		Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	No	No
1 year	3/4" 2-3x/week (weather depending)	Cut to 3.5"-4.25"	No	No

### NOTES:

- Sod lawn installation requires diligent watering for longer periods to encourage establishment.
- Do not water the lawn 1-2 days before mowing. Continue watering after first cut.
- Apply fertilizer at half the normal rate in shady areas.
- Spot weed control may begin no sooner than 10 weeks post-installation. Use pesticides sparingly.
- Aerating once per year is advised. Dethatching may not be needed in shady areas.