



CUSTOMER INSTRUCTIONS

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PRE-SODDING PREPARATIONS

TURN THE SOIL:

This can be done by spading, plowing, or rototilling to a depth of about 4" to 6". All foreign material and trash should be removed.

GRADING:

This can be done either by light power equipment or a hand rake. It is best to fill in low areas and have a gradual contour. Avoid sharp angles or curves to prevent scalping when mowing. Grade should be **about 1½" below the side of the walkways** to allow for the thickness of the sod. **All preparation should be complete before ordering sod.**

INSTALLING:

Start at your property line, or along the driveway or sidewalk. Roll it out like a rug; stagger the joints like rows of bricks; make sure joints are butted together without overlapping.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR POST-INSTALLATION CARE INSTRUCTIONS.

SOD PROVIDES INSTANT BEAUTY & VALUE

Within a few hours, sod can transform bare soil in a yard into a lush, living carpet of mature grass. Sod provides a soft, clean playing surface, unlike an ordinary lawn with its bare spots and weeds.

Turf cools the atmosphere by reflecting 50% of the sun's heat. Turf reduces glare, filters odors and noise, and most importantly, turf absorbs carbon dioxide and produces oxygen, which cleanses and freshens the environment around your home.

By leaving it to the professionals, you can enjoy the perfect lawn today. Why ruin your leisure hours over a period of 2-3 years trying to establish a lawn from seed when you could be enjoying life? The sod you have just purchased was grown under expert supervision using top-quality seed best adapted to your locale.



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WATERING:

Before You Water

Roll the sod; Use a light roller before watering to press the sod into the dirt. This removes air pockets, which quickly dry out and kill roots. **Never roll the sod after watering it.**

The First Big Soak

Water immediately!!!! Get water on the grass **within the first hour of laying it.**

Daily Maintenance (Keep it Moist)

Do not let the sod dry out!!!! Expect to **water evenly 2-3 times a day depending on** for the **first 2 weeks**. Also, make sure to water deeply enough to reach about **6 inches to wet the soil beneath the sod**; this helps the sod establish itself as quickly as possible. Keep watering three times a day until week 3, then adjust the schedule to water it only three times a week. To check if the sod is rooting down, lift a small corner of the sod to see whether the roots are taking hold and knitting into the subsoil. It takes about 2 to 3 weeks for the roots to take hold of the subsoil.

Signs for Overwatering

To know if you've overwatered new sod, look for soggy, squishy soil, lingering footprints when you walk across the lawn, yellowing or thinning grass blades, and/or musty smell.

MOWING

Do not mow newly installed sod for approximately 2 weeks. Be sure your mower blades are sharp. Never remove more than one inch of the leaf height at a time. Do NOT remove clippings from the grass, as the clippings are full of nutrients that are beneficial to your lawn. Bluegrass should be mowed regularly at least twice a week. The first time you mow sod, keep the mower blades higher so as not to rip the sod. As the sod roots down, gradually lower the blade to 2" height, or as desired.

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