



## Sod Care Suggestions Upon Installation

1. Before putting any type of additive / amendment to your soil, TAKE A SOIL TEST!
  - a. The soil you have in your existing yard is the foundation for the sod you are possibly going to be spending good money for. We do not make specific recommendations for any type of fertilizer or additive unless we know your soil test results.
  - b. DON'T GUESS... SOIL TEST!
2. Kill any existing weeds or grass with a non-selective herbicide.
3. Once that vegetation has died, till / rake the area to loosen the soil.
4. Before laying the sod, make sure the soil is cool and moist by watering it.
5. Lay the sod so that the seams are slightly overlapping.
  - a. Each time there is a "hole" or "gap" between pieces of sod, that is an opportunity for a weed to pop up.
  - b. Once the sod has been laid, walk on the overlapping seams to press them together firmly.
6. After laying the sod, keep the soil and slab of sod wet with water for 8-10 days.
7. Once the sod begins to put down roots of its own, decrease watering to every other day, unless sod begins to wilt or turn brown.
8. If sod begins to wilt or turn brown, increase watering to every day.
9. You have too much water if you walk across your newly-sodded area and water puddles around your feet. If this happens, decrease watering to every other day.
10. Again, we do not recommend putting down any fertilizer or other additive until the sod is well-established in your lawn.