

GETTING STARTED

Measure & Prep Soil

- ✓ Measure area for sod. Multiply length times width. Suggestion: Add 5% to the total for irregular shapes and top pieces of pallet that may be windburned from delivery .
- ✓ Rough grade the area to eliminate any drainage problems (slope away from foundations). Till to a depth of 2-4 inches prior to adding amendments (alleviates subsoil compaction for root penetration and water movement). Add soil/amendments to achieve a depth of 4-6 inches (1 yard per pallet).
- ✓ Test the soil pH. Acidic soils (pH of 6 and below), add lime. Alkaline soils (pH of 7.5 and higher), add sulfur or gypsum. Apply a "starter" fertilizer a natural urea product like Milorganite®. Clemson Regulatory Services tests soil you send in by mail. Visit <http://bit.ly/ClemsonSoilTest> to order a soil sampler mailer.
- ✓ Roll the area with a lawn roller one third full of water to firm and settle surface to reveal any low spots. If time permits, allow the area to settle with rain or irrigation. Site is now ready to install sod. Order to schedule your sod—delivery should be on the day you plan to start laying sod.

LAYING SOD

Installation Tips

- ✓ It is imperative to lay sod immediately upon delivery for the success of your establishment. Start at a straight line (ex. a walkway or driveway). Lay sod as you would a row of bricks and stagger your joints. Make sure all joints are butted tightly together without overlapping space between strips of sod. Use a large sharp knife or hacksaw for cutting sod pieces to shape around trees and flower beds. Completely soak the sod to a depth of 1 inch of water for initial application (start watering 20 minutes after first strip of sod is laid).
- ✓ Roll the sod to smooth out bumps and air pockets to assure good contact with the soil. As the roots grow deeper over the course of the year, it will need less water. While most people are concerned about not watering their lawns enough, the fact is that more lawns are damaged by over-watering.

MOWING HEIGHTS

Turfgrass Species	Mowing Height	Mowing Frequency
Centipede Grass	2-2.5 in.	10-14 Days
St. Augustine Grass	3-4 in. (taller in shade)	5-14 Days
Zoysia Grass	2.5-3 in. (taller in shade)	10-14 Days
Bermuda Grass	0.5-1.5 in.	3-5 Days

Sod Installation



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*Advice & Recommendations**



ENSURE SUCCESS

You have purchased healthy, vibrant sod from a premiere supplier. Now it's up to you to take care of it to ensure that it survives and thrives. We offer these tips for your sod's best health and installation.

However, we urge you to do your own research and learn how to best install and nurture your new lawn.

MOWING YOUR LAWN

Only When Taller Than 3.5"

- ✓ Your new lawn should be mowed at the end of week 3 "if" your lawn exceeds 3 1/2" tall. Mow your new sod at the highest setting on your lawn mower. Do not walk, play or be on your new sod for two weeks after installation. Keep pets off of new sod.

WHAT TO APPLY & NOT APPLY

No to Fertilizers, Yes to Fungicide

- ✓ **DO NOT APPLY** Weed & Feeds, Pre-Emergents or High Nitrogen Fertilizers in the First 6 months. An organic fertilizer or starter fertilizer can be used.

DO APPLY a Fungicide and Insecticide to your new lawn as soon as it is installed.

INSTALLATION NOTE

Sod Installation Requires Care

All Seasons sells healthy, vibrant sod and does not warranty sod. Unfortunately, due to the wide realm of care it takes to prepare, install and maintain sod, we cannot be responsible for what happens to sod after installation.

We advise and recommend that you do your due diligence in researching your project. We can make recommendations by providing you with this Sod Care brochure to make sure to do all you can to give your sod a great start, but these are only suggestions. If your product arrives in a condition that you are not happy with, call us immediately.

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WATERING SOD

First Two Weeks

- ✓ As soon as your sod is installed, you should SATURATE your sod to a depth of a 4-6", depending on weather temperatures. The key to new sod is DEEP and thorough watering for the first few days – the first 2 weeks are critical in establishing a good root system. During extreme temperatures, water more frequently (2-3 times per day) using light sprinklings to avoid the sod drying out. Peel back a piece of sod to ensure the water is getting all the way through. Do NOT water at night.

- ✓ To key to new sod is to KEEP IT MOIST, not soaked. Too much water causes algae and fungus. If you are using a sprinkler system, make sure the water is getting all the way through to all areas of the lawn. Watch for dry areas (especially if you have an irrigation system). The corners and edges will dry out faster so you may want to water these by hand. Try to stay off the sod so it can take root and to avoid depressions.

Weeks Three & Four

- ✓ **Week 3:** The watering schedule should transition from frequent daily watering to fewer water cycles per day. Again, this depends on soil type and environmental temperature. Well drained soils may need to be watered everyday.
- ✓ **Week 4:** You can probably start watering your lawn 1-2 times per day EVERY OTHER day or less, depending on the soil and weather. By week 4, you can reduce your watering cycle to 2-3 times per week, again, depending on the weather. Understand, these are just "recommendations". You should always do your own research for the best results.
- ✓ Check your sod again to make sure roots are being developed. Also, inspect your new sod for grubs, soil insects and other army worms. Both insect damage and fungus problems are the two problem areas for new sod. Watering often affects the availability of chemicals, especially in sandy soils and can diminish their efficiency. It is important to READ package labels and apply as instructed.