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Sod Installation and Care

1. Sod is perishable- keep moist.
2. You should have 4 to 6 inches of good, firm soil that is smooth and free from rocks and weeds.
3. For faster rooting, use a "starter" fertilizer raked into the top 1/2 inch of soil.
4. Be certain that the ground is moist as you lay the sod. Water the sod every 20-30 minutes during installation so that it doesn't dry out.
5. Start laying the sod in a straight line.
6. Stagger rolls of sod as you would bricks by starting every other row with a half roll.
7. Make sure all strips of sod are butted tightly together without overlapping or gaps between rolls.
8. Use an old serrated steak knife to cut sod.
9. Roll the lawn after installation to remove uneven areas and to insure sod/soil contact.
10. Thoroughly soak the lawn after installation and then: water 4 times each day (10-15 minutes each time) during the daylight hours, preferably 6am, 9am, noon and 3pm for the first 10 days or until rooting develops sufficiently to prevent the sod from being lifted from the soil. After the sod has rooted, reduce the frequency of watering and increase the duration. For spring and fall plantings, you may reduce the daily waterings to 2 to 3 times.
11. Mow as needed after 7-10 days. Don't remove more than 1/3 of leaf blade while maintaining a cutting height of 2-2 1/2 inches.
12. Fertilize every 4-8 weeks or as needed with a well-balanced lawn fertilizer. Fertilize when the leaves are dry then water thoroughly.

Please call us if you have any questions about your lawn.