

- 1. Water to dampen the bare soil.
- 2. Start laying sod immediately after delivery.
- 3. Begin installing sod along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk. Butt and push edges and ends against each other tightly. Stretch lightly. Avoid gaps or overlaps. Stagger the joint in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a large, sharp knife to trim corners, etc. On slopes, place sod across (perpendicular) to the slope, not horizontally with the slope.
- 4. After installing sod, roll the entire area to improve sod/soil contact and to remove air pockets.
- 5. Begin watering your sod within 30 minutes of installation.
- 6. Water daily or more often, keeping sod moist until it is firmly rooted (about 2 weeks during the growing season). Lift a piece of sod here and there to ascertain that you are watering enough to wet the original soil below the sod. Do not saturate the soil deeper than 2" and do not allow water to move off site.



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- 7. After the rooting-in period, less frequent and deeper watering should begin. Water to supplement rainfall shortages only. Avoid fixed timer irrigation settings. Lawns best perform when they receive approximately one inch of water per week. If one or more inches of rainfall occur in a week, additional irrigation is not necessary.
- 8. Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry, or windy periods. Low humidity days in winter months may also require supplemental watering.
- 9. Water areas on mounds and berms and near buildings more often, where reflected heat dries the turf.

