



## New Sod Care Instructions

Dear Resident

Welcome to the neighborhood. New Sod has been installed in your home, the following are instructions to ensure proper care and establishment of your new yard:

**After installing new sod, follow certain steps to properly care for the lawn to ensure strong root development. The sod must establish itself onto the soil beneath it and the roots must penetrate down into the soil to create a strong, healthy lawn. Wait at least two to [three weeks](#) before walking on the new sod. Proper watering, mowing and fertilization of your new sod are crucial to lawn establishment and growth.**

**DO NOT LIFT OR PULL SOD UP FROM GROUND, YOU WILL DAMAGE NEW ROOT SYSTEM WHICH IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH**

Water your new sod lightly for five minutes about **four to six times each day** during the first two weeks. Watering lightly but frequently will help the roots get both the oxygen and water they need to develop.

Cut back on watering for two days before mowing the sod for the first time. Your first mowing should occur about two weeks after installation.

Mow your new sod with your lawn mower set at a slightly higher setting. Aim for cutting no more than 1/3 of the total grass height at one time.

Water the sod less frequently but for longer periods after the first two to [three weeks](#). Gradually reduce the watering frequency to one or two deeper watering sessions each day during the first growing season.

Feed your new sod at least four to six weeks after installation. Apply a 25-3-6 NPK (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) lawn fertilizer according to the directions on the package.

If you experience any issues or concerns with the sprinklers, watering times, sod, etc.. please give us a call at 760-386-2460 to have an expert come out to review. Failure to maintain the sod may result in a damage charge at move out.