

Sod Installation Guide

Step #1 – Measure the Lawn Area

Sketch and measure the area of the lawn. Calculate total square foot area. Order sod as needed.

Step #2 – Soil Preparation

Rototill or spade to a depth of 4-6 inches. Remove sticks, stones, roots, debris, and large clods. Add amendments (to enrich the soil and/or enhance drainage). Rototill or spade amendments into soil. The range of PH should be 6-7.5.

Step #3 – Grading

Work, level, and smooth the area with a rake. Make sure the grade is ½” below sprinkler heads; and 1’ below driveways, walkways, and borders. Roll Area, fill in low areas, and roll again. ***Pre-irrigate the surface the evening before installation.*** These steps are important to provide an even, firm surface.

Step #4 – Turf Installation

Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Begin installation along a straight line; driveway or sidewalk. Butt edges together tightly, avoid overlap or gaps. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion. Use a sharp knife to trim corners, around trees, sprinklers, etc. Never let newly installed sod dry out. Water lightly as small areas are completed.

Step #5 – Water and Roll

When installation is complete, water the entire lawn for 10 minutes. Roll the entire area to ensure complete contact with soil. To prevent indentation or air pockets, avoid walking or kneeling on newly installed sod.

Step #6 – Initial Irrigation

Soak the sod to a depth of 6 inches. **Do not let the sod dry out.** New sod and the top soil must be kept evenly moist all day for the first two weeks.