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## **HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR NEW SOD**

### **WATERING**

- Newly sodded areas must be kept consistently moist until proper rooting is evident (usually 2-3 weeks after completion - you can tug lightly on a piece and it does not peel up easily).
- Prior to installation, ensure irrigation systems are working properly and the irrigation covers all areas to be planted and make arrangements to water by hand if necessary.
- The number of times to water and the duration will vary depending on the exposure of the site and the average day temperature.
- Our “Guidelines for Irrigation” is a good start if you are using an irrigation system to water your landscape. New lawn areas may have different exposures from area to area within the landscape - so monitoring and adjusting the watering is critical to your success. Continually irrigating the sod and landscape, without monitoring, can encourage fungal disease and lead to sod and plant decline or loss.

### **MOWING**

- Mow only when proper rooting is evident (usually 2-3 weeks after installation)
- Recommended mowing height for Fescue is 2 ½ - 3” , 1 - 1 ½ for Bermuda, and 1 - 2” for Centipede, St. Augustine and Zoysia
- During of extreme stress, i.e. high heat, raise mowing height ½ “ or more

### **FERTILIZING**

- The use of a high nitrogen fertilizer on a new lawn can cause permanent damage.
- Once established follow a fertilizer program for the type of sod installed.

**FUNGICIDES:** Excessive watering and/or hot periods of extremely wet weather will encourage disease activity. Circular patches up to 3” in diameter will be noticed when the disease is present. A fungicide can be applied to the grass to prevent disease activity and also control current disease activity.

**LIMITED WARRANTY:** Sod is very perishable if not properly cared for after installation. We warrant sod to be true to variety and to be in sound, healthy condition upon delivery & installation only.