



Sod Information

PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

The boulevard and yard area that is disturbed due to road construction will be restored with topsoil and sod.

The property owner is responsible for all watering and maintenance of the sod after the first 30 days of sod placement.

The City will inspect sod restoration during the preparation, the placement, and the watering periods. Pending final approval by the City at the 30-day mark, the contractor and City will not repair, re-seed, or re-sod the restored areas.

Adequate water is essential for the establishment of the root system and to continue having a lush green lawn for years to come.

Annual maintenance will be essential to prolong the life of the newly rooted sod after placement.

WATER

Depending on the weather, soak daily or twice daily until sod is tall enough to mow.

After first mowing, water every other day for three (3) weeks. From then on, depending on weather, water at least one (1) to one and a half (1.5) inch(es) of water per week for optimal growing conditions.

MOWING

To verify if your lawn is ready to mow, try pulling it up at one of the corners – if it holds firm in place, it is ready to mow. If it pulls up easily, however, the roots are not yet established, and the lawn should not be mowed yet.

Mow as needed, but not when the ground is spongy or wet.

Mowing should be done at the highest blade setting and one should never mow off more than 1/3 of the height of the blade. The blade on the mower must also be sharp; blades of sod are fragile and you want to be certain you are cutting and not tearing the new blades. A well-groomed lawn should be 2 to 3 inches high. The grass will get thick and have a “carpet” look.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

The newly sodded areas usually have an excellent growth and appearance the first year. After the first winter, problems will begin to arise unless adequate annual lawn maintenance is done by the property owner.

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Maintenance of the sod is the responsibility of the property owner after the first 30 days of placement. If maintenance of the newly rooted sod is not managed, the sod could shrink or go dormant, causing the sod to have a “dead” look.

We suggest that the following maintenance be done to assure continued growth of the sodded areas.

MAINTENANCE

Fertilizer:

Apply a fertilizer with slow-release nitrogen about 60 days from placement.
(Fertilizer may be applied yearly.)

Water:

Water is essential to the establishment of the root system but also a lush green yard. Watering will be weather dependent, sod should be getting 1 to 1.5 inches of water a week. If sod starts to discolor, adjust your water regiment by watering the root system more.

Salt:

Try to avoid the use of rock salt for de-icing of walks, if possible, especially during the first winter.