
Watering Tips

Helpful Watering Instructions



Watering new Sod:

New sod is perishable and must be watered immediately to ensure a successful, healthy lawn. Your new lawn has been carefully installed and needs proper maintenance, particularly in the first few weeks to ensure the growth of the rooting system.



For the first two weeks: New sod must be kept semi-moist for the first two weeks at a regular schedule. Make sure to water in the early morning before noon. Watering in the mid-day is ineffective as most of the water is evaporates before reaching the rooting system. Water daily at least 2 times per day (hot dry weather could require watering 3-4 times per day). Water long enough to provide 1/4 inch of water.

After 7-10 days into your watering: Lightly lift up a corner of a roll of sod. If there is resistance the sod has began to root down into the soil.



After 3 weeks: Water every day or every other day depending on heat, drought and wind. You should provide half inch of water per time. Your lawn will develop a stronger root system with less frequent but deeper watering. If you miss the opportunity to water before noon, you can water in the evening but we recommend not to make this a habit as this may increase certain diseases and insects.

After two-three weeks: (Depending on sod growth rate), you can mow the new sod when it reaches 3-4 inches high. Make sure not to scalp the lawn. Make sure to water sod after mowing.

Please Note:

1. Do not walk on newly installed sod unless you have to move sprinklers around. The sod should not be walked on for 3-4 weeks while the root system is being established.
2. Do not water in the hottest part of the day. Hot, dry and wind condition will require additional watering.
3. Within 10-12 days your sod should start to develop roots, if this is not the case, make sure you increase the watering. If the sod is in a shady area it will take longer to develop a root system.
4. Gaps can occur by lack of water. If sod is not properly watered, it will shrink and gaps appear. If you can this in time and provide enough water it can expand back to shape. If the edges start to turn brown, make sure to start giving the sod more water in those areas.



Watering new Seed:

If new grass seed has been applied, you must keep the seeded areas semi-moist to moist. You do not want to over saturate the area for a period of three weeks as the small root system takes shape.

For the first 10 days: Water each day for at least 10-15 minutes in the area that has been seeded. Water the soil to a depth of about 1/4". Watering a second time each day is important if the temperatures are over 65 degrees and sunny. Deep watering is not necessary at this point, you are just trying to keep the seed moist.

For days 10-28: The early germination grasses will begin to germinate and grow so continue to water every day, gradually increasing the duration of the watering at least once a day. Water to the depth of about 1/2". Do not allow water to puddle. Every third or fourth day only water lightly to cool the grass area to allow extra water to dry up a little.

Mowing: Make sure to mow when it reaches about 3 to 4 inches in height. Do not water for at least one day to allow dry out before mowing. Make sure to water right after you mow.

Days 28 and beyond: You may begin to cut the lawn as needed, typically once every 5-7 days. Collect your clippings at first. Wait until after a few mows before you start to use your lawn for regular use. Keep watering your lawn throughout the season to make sure your seed is creating a healthy rooting system.