

## **Sod Care & Maintenance**

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### **Initial Watering**

- Sod should be squishy when you walk on it
- NEVER let the sod dry out until it is rooted into the topsoil (check by pulling up an edge of the sod roll)

### **Established Lawn Watering**

- One inch of water per week (More during long hot periods)
- Watering heavily once a week is better for your lawn than watering a little each day
- Water in the morning to prevent cold shock and fungus
- DO NOT OVERWATER, more lawns die due to drowning rather than neglect

### **Fertilizing**

- Nitrogen is the most important nutrient for lawns as it promotes growth and greener lawns
- Phosphorus and Potash are the next most important nutrients which promote rooting and filling in bare patches
- Fertilizer should be applied two weeks before or after; April 15th, Memorial Day & Labor Day
- Purchase quality fertilizer from a garden center or farm seed and fertilizer center (Scott's High Base Nitrogen)
- Follow the instructions on the bag for application rates, timing, and techniques

### **Mowing Your Lawn**

- Do NOT mow until the sod is rooted
- Mow at the highest setting on your mower for the first few times
- Your lawn should be cut to 1.5" during the Spring and Fall, and 2" during the Summer
- Do NOT mow more than 1/3 of the total height of the grass

**\* All points are conditional depending on; Soil, Sunlight, Temperature, and Precipitation**

Please contact us with any further questions



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