# HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR NEW INSTANT LAWN

- 1. Soil Preparation: Remove weeds, rock and debris from the area to be sodded. Consider adding peat or topsoil and mix with the existing soil to a reasonable depth of at least 4 inches.
- **2. Fertilize:** Spread fertilizer evenly on the area to be sodded at he rate recommended on the container. Rake in slightly.
- 3. Lay Sod: Lay first strip along a straight line. Do not follow curved walks or curbs. Lay sod crossways on slopes and stagger joints. Use a sharp knife to make cuts (linoleum knife) to fit curves and edges. Do not overlap. Instal sod as soon as possible after delivery.
- 4. Water: Do not lay whole lawn before watering. Start as soon as a large enough area has been completed. Water lightly and continue to water and lay sod until installation has been completed. In hot weather sod will dry and burn in 1 to 2 hours if no watered.
- **5. Rolling:** After first watering, roll slightly to form good contact between sod and soil to eliminate irregularities.
- **6. Irrigate:** Immediately after completion, water the whole lawn area to a depth of 8 inches by moving you sprinkler over the lawn area. The first few days after installation are critical, water daily for the first week.

### WHY SOD?

With sod you have an instant lawn, vs. seeding that takes 2 years to fully establish. Sod is less expensive in the long run because all you have to do is prep the area, lay down the sod, water it and you are done. Seeding requires 2 years of labor, fertilizer, weed control and watering. The best advantages of sod lawns do not require any special care, unlike seeded lawns that must be nurtured to maturity.

Quality sod products create a beautilful landscape instantly. In just a few hours, turf can transform a barren area of dirt into a lush attractive setting.

For homeowners, turf is the final important detail that turns a house under construction into an inviting home. For residential developers, a beautiful vibrant green lawn offers instant curb appeal. For business owners and commercial developers, sod says you're open and ready for business. There's no time out for your athletic programs when you choose mature sod products.

Beyond appearance, there are many practical advantages to turf. Within a few weeks, sod takes root and is ready for full use. You won't have to worry about roping, seeded areas to avoid damage or tracking dirt. Unlike seeding, sod can be installed any time of the year, it also requires less water consumption, as well as the the cost to you, once the sod is rooted and established.

Sod immediately protects against soil erosion. It is a cost-effective wash to control water runoff and erosion because it can absorb far more water than a seeded lawn. It is the product of choice in hilly, sloping areas.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.**

#### What type of special care will my sod lawn need?

Sod lawns do not require any special care, unlike seeded lawns that must be nurtured to maturity. Proper soil preparation and the initial watering is critical.

### Is a sod lawn appropriate for more than just my home?

Sod is an ideal choice for community parks, golf courses, athletic fields, business boundaries and roadside rest stops.

#### Can a sod lawn impact the resale value of my home?

A well-maintained lawn and landscaping can add up to 15% to your property value.

#### Is there a particular time of the day that is best for watering?

Yes, early morning water applications are best. Cooler temperatures and less wind provide for less evaporation and distorted sprinkler patterns.

#### What causes joints to separate?

The sod has gone too long between watering and therefore the slabs have shrunk.

#### If gaps are left between the sod, will it grow in?

Gaps in the installation are not a good idea. If the gaps are wide enough weeds will creep in faster than the sod can close the gap. Make sure to butt(Don't stretch the sod) the pieces of sod close together during installation.

#### Is a sod lawn less work?

Yes, a sod lawn requires no special care because it is a healthy mature lawn when installed, whereas a seeded lawn requires years of nurturing to reach maturity. After it's installed, just water, mow and fertilize you r sod as needed and it will remain a healthy, requiring very little maintenance.

# <u>Lawn care packages</u>

### Make it Green

3 Fertilizer Applications2 Lime Applications

### **Keep it Green**

Aeration
Overseeding
4 Fertilizer Applications
2 Lime Applications

# **Always Green**

Aeration
Dethatching/Clean Up
Overseeding
4 Fertilizer Applications
2 Lime Applications

# **SERVICES OFFERED**

Fertilizing

Liming

**Aeration** 

Dethatching

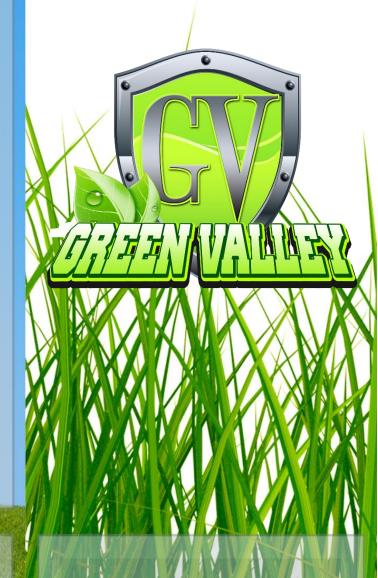
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**Weed Control** 

**Vegetation Kill** 



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