

Watering Your New Sod

Listed below is your "Daily Watering Schedule". If you are not sure if you should water, check the "[When to Water](#)" section of our web site.

Week one:

- Water once to twice daily to keep the "carpet" moist and prevent it from drying out.
- At this stage you are keeping the carpet alive.
- You can peel back the sod to see how deep you are watering (hint: you do not need to water a lot)
- It can dry out on windy, sunny and/or warm days, AND in areas missed by the sprinkler.
- Watering in the morning is best; night watering can promote fungus growth.
- As the sod goes from wet to dry during the day, seams may open between the sod pieces. You can walk on the seams when walking across your lawn to get them to knit.

Week two:

- Water once to twice daily, but longer now to moisten the soil beneath the sod down to about 3". This will encourage downward root growth.
- You can still lift a corner of some pieces of sod to see how deep you are watering.
- Give extra water to any brown areas you might see.
- As the sod goes from wet to dry during the day, seams may open between sod pieces. You can walk on the seams when walking across your lawn.

Weeks three and four:

- Water every 3 days, but longer now to moisten the soil beneath the sod down to about 6".
- All the sod should be "knit" by now (rooted into the soil).

During **week five**, set your mower blade as high as possible and mow once. Water if needed and allow to grow one more week before starting your weekly mowing of 1" per week.

Other rules of thumb:

- NO FERTILIZERS OR PESTICIDES within the first 2 months (unless they are organic treatments).
- DO NOT OVER water---this is actually worse than underwatering. If you miss a day, you cannot make up for it by watering more...just try to keep the moisture across the sod consistent.
- If you walk on the lawn to move the hose and it feels squishy, you have watered too much.
- Check our "[When to Water](#)" section of our website for watering advice.