

Watering New Sod

For new sod, regular watering is necessary (ideally in the morning) until the root system has become deeply established, usually one full summer but up to two summers where soil is heavy clay or compacted.

For sod laid during a hot weather period (highs 80° F or above):

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Water 2x	Water 2x	Water 2x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x
Week 2	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x
Week 3		Water 1x	Mow	Water 1x			Water 1x
Week 4	Water 1x		Water 1x		Water 1x	Mow	Water 1x

For sod laid during a cool weather period (highs below 80° F):

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Water 2x	Water 2x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	Water 1x	
Week 2	Water 1x		Water 1x		Water 1x		Water 1x
Week 3		Water 1x	Mow		Water 1x		
Week 4	Water 1x				Water 1x		

During the initial watering, a ½" of water at each watering will soak the sod adequately. In later weeks, as the water frequency decreases, 1" should be applied at each watering. Running your sprinkler for 15 – 30 minutes should be adequate. If you'd like to know exactly how long to run your sprinkler, place a shallow container in your sprinkler's range and time how long it takes the container to fill to a ½" and 1" mark. Continue watering your sod with this new, specific time measurement.

You'll know when to back off watering when you pull on the sod and it doesn't pull up from the ground. This means that the sod has started to build its root system.

Allow sod to grow 4 – 5" before mowing. Mow no shorter than 3". September fertilizing is recommended for new sod; however, do not fertilize for the first 60 days after the sod is laid down. If your sod was laid in the fall, fertilize in May.

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