

# The **Gold** Standard

## SOD Installation Guide



**HERE'S WHAT WE DO TO GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT**



## **1** OLD SOD REMOVAL

Using our sod cutter we remove 2" of old sod (included in price). We do not rototill. Rototilling mixes the old weeds into the new soil creating a high chance of them coming back.



## **2** SOIL INSTALLATION

Supply and install up to 3" of screened topsoil. It is packed with the right stuff to keep your lawn looking its best!

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## **3** SLOPING/ GRADING

Remove any lumps and bumps to ensure your new lawn is flat and has the best grade for your yard.



## **4** FERTILIZE

Apply turf starter fertilizer. This will help promote initial root growth.



## **5** SOD INSTALLATION

Supply and install 100% Kentucky Blue grass sod. Cut fresh from the sod farm the morning of installation. It is very important to install within the first 12 hours.

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## **6** ROLL NEW SOD

Roll your lawn using our 400lb roller to both compress the sod to the soil and to remove any air pockets, smoothing out any bumps along the way.



## **7** WATERING LAWN

Water your lawn using the homeowners water. One time after installation. The first watering is the most important.



## **8** SOD WARRANTY

We offer a 100% guarantee that your sod will grow and if any pieces die due to being unhealthy we will come back and replace it. Free of charge.

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## WATERING NEWLY LAID SOD

Water is the single most important tip for successful sod installation.

## WATER IMMEDIATELY

Our basic rule has always been: A half inch of water in the first 10-15 minutes is better than 3 inches of water a few hours later.

## WATER DEEPLY

To maximize results, the ground must be kept moist.

**IMPORTANT:** Ensure water has penetrated the sod by lifting a corner and checking the ground beneath.

## WATERING SCHEDULE

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7			

## WATERING GAUGE TIP

1. To gauge watering, simply place an empty straightedge can or container about 6 feet away from the sprinkler.
2. When there is a half inch of water in the can, it is time to move the sprinkler to the next area.
3. Rectified heat along the building dries sod quickly. Be sure to water these areas more often.

## MOWING NEWLY LAID SOD

For best results, mow your new sod 7 days after installation and perpendicular to the direction it was laid. Adjust your cutting height if needed.

**IMPORTANT:** The most common and disastrous installation mistake is NOT mowing 6-7 days after installation.

## MOWING ESTABLISHED SOD

For best results, mow your new sod 7 days after installation and perpendicular to the direction it was laid. Adjust your cutting height if needed.

## MOWING TIP



1. Your new living carpet needs mowing 6-7 days after installation.
2. The basic mowing rule: never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade during a single mowing.
3. Set your mower at a cutting height of approximately 2 1/4".
4. For best appearance and better resistance to disease, be sure to keep your mower blades sharp.