



SOD SPECIALTIES

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NEW SOD CARE

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW LAWN. WATER MUST BE APPLIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP IT IN GOOD HEALTH. NEW SOD CAN DIE IN JUST A FEW HOURS WITHOUT WATER.

WATERING

IF YOU HAVE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM

TEMPERATURES BELOW 85 DEGREES WATER YOUR LAWN THREE TIMES A DAY. TEMPERATURES RUN THE SYSTEM FOUR TIMES A DAY.

THE FIRST DAY RUN THE ROTOR HEADS THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY MINUTES PER ZONE AND SPRAY HEADS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY MINUTES PER ZONE.

AFTER THE FIRST DAY THE SOIL UNDER THE SOD SHOULD BE WELL SATURATED AND THE RUN TIMES CAN BE CUT IN HALF. AT THIS POINT WE JUST NEED TO KEEP THE TOP DAMP DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. WATER FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. THEN CUT BACK TO EVERY OTHER DAY, THEN TO THREE TIMES A WEEK.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SPRINKLER

WATERING RUN TIMES A MORE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WITH HOSE END SPRINKLERS. PULSATING SPRINKLERS (ONES THAT GENERALLY SPRAY IN CIRCLES) PUT OUT MORE WATER THEN OSCILLATING SPRINKLERS (ONES THAT WAVE BACK AND FORTH). GENERALLY, WATER EACH AREA FOR THIRTY TO SIXTY MINUTES TRYING TO WATER THE WHOLE YARD TWO TO THREE TIMES A DAY.

FERTILIZER AND PRE-EMERGENT

SOD LAID IN THE SPRING OR SUMMER SHOULD HAVE A PRE-EMERGENT APPLIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS HELPS

PREVENT ANNUAL GRASSY WEEDS FROM COMING UP IN THE SEAMS.

MOWING

AS YOU ARE TO KEEP LAWN TRAFFIC TO A MINIMUM TO FIRST TWO WEEKS TO PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT, MOWING IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THAT SAID, MANY PEOPLE HAVE INFORMED ME THEY FELT THE NEED TO MOW THEIR LAWN AFTER SEVEN TO TEN DAYS. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER, WITH A FEW GUIDELINES. ALLOW THE YARD TO DRY A DAY OR TWO - WE WANT TO AVOID LEAVING FOOTPRINTS AND WHEEL TRACKS THROUGH THE YARD. YOU MAY WISH TO BAG THE GRASS CLIPPINGS. NORMALLY, I SUGGEST LEAVING THEM LAY, BUT YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE EXCESSIVE CLIPPINGS THE FIRST TIME YOU MOW.