



# SODDING INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

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The grass is always greener at DECO Homes. As a part of your new home purchase, we will install Number One Nursery Grade sod around your property. After we place your new sod, there are a few important steps you should take to ensure your new, beautiful green blanket grows healthy and full:

1. Shortly before laying the sod, we will provide you notice in the mail advising when the installation will take place. You will receive this notice when your community nears final completion.
2. After laying the sod, the installer will give your grass an initial soaking. Please ensure your exterior water supply is turned on and your garden hose tap is available for use. It is extremely important that sod is watered thoroughly the first 24 hours after installation.
3. After the initial soaking period, you are expected to continue watering your lawn once a day for 2 hours at a time. Please ensure that you water your lawn either early in the morning or in the evening – not during the peak hours of sunlight, which can actually burn your freshly laid sod. Repeat watering each day for the first week to ensure that your sod properly takes root.
4. After the first week, continue to water your lawn every second day and adjust the watering times as needed to ensure that the soil always feels moist. Increase your watering during peak temperature times in the summer, and decrease your watering as the temperature drops. Overwatering can also kill your sod, so be sure to look out for any pooling which may occur within drainage swales.
5. For the first month after your sod has been laid, avoid walking on your lawn as much as possible. Until the sod has taken root, you can cause the sod to shift, leaving gaps between each of the freshly laid rolls. Never walk in the drainage swales, as these areas often retain the greatest moisture and it's easy to leave depressions from footprints. If this does occur, we recommend you purchase a bag of topsoil from your local landscape yard and fill in these areas.

You will also want to perform regular maintenance on your lawn in the future. Fertilize your lawn with a turf builder every spring and fall to ensure you keep your lawn looking vibrant-green and healthy. Continue to water your lawn each season based on temperature and moisture level for the greenest, healthiest lawn possible.