

ORDERING

- Schedule your order for delivery after preparatory work is done and you are ready to install.
- For a strong beginning to your lawn, install on the day of delivery.

STEP 1: MEASURING

- Measure the area of your planned lawn.
- Include these measurements on a sketch of the lawn area.
- Multiply length x width to get the square footage.
- For irregular shapes, break the area into two or more smaller areas.
- For triangles, measure L x W and divide by two.

Step 2: SOIL PREPERATION

- After removing grass from your lawn, rototill the area 4-6" deep.
- If you have poor soil, bring in 4-6" of good top soil.
- For best results, have your soil tested.
- Rake in the recommended fertilizer, lime, peat, compost, etc. to a depth of 3-4".
- Rake and smooth the soil to remove any debris.

Step 3: INSTALLING

- Install your lawn immediately upon delivery.
- Begin by installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk.
- Butt and push edges and ends against each other tightly, without stretching.

- Avoid gaps or overlaps.
- Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a sharp knife to trim corners, etc.
- Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges as they are more susceptible to drying.
- On slopes, place the turf pieces lengthwise across the slope.
- After installing, roll the entire area to improve turf-to-soil contact and remove air pockets.
- In hot weather, water the lawn while installing.
 - Do not wait until the entire lawn is installed before turning on the water.

Step 4: WATERING

- The first watering is the most important.
- Water the lawn within 30 minutes of installation.
 - Thoroughly saturate the sod until you're barely able to walk on it.
 - Water should penetrate each piece.
 - When you can stick a screwdriver into the soil 4", you've watered enough for now.
- Water everyday for 7 days, keeping sod wet, but not saturated.
- After the first 7 days, water every other day.
- After the first 14 days, water every third day.
- Keep in mind, weather will dictate the amount & frequency of watering.
- Be sure your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry and windy conditions.
- Water areas near buildings more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

TURF TIP

- During the first three weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn.
 - This gives roots an opportunity to firmly knit with soil and insures the turf remains smooth.

MOWING

- Mow often, removing no more than 1/3 of the grass.
- Keep your mower blades sharp.
- Mow more often during prime growing seasons.
 - Cool Season Grasses: Spring & Fall
 - Warm Season Grasses: Summer

DID YOU KNOW?

Your new sod lawn increases your property value significantly. With proper care, it will remain a great asset to you and your family, providing beauty, a clean playing surface and an improved environment.

For more turf tips on maintaining your lawn for years to come, find the [Lawn Care Program](#) that best suits you at [SelectTurfSod.com](#).

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