



## Caring for New Sod

- Sod should be watered thoroughly during the first 3 weeks.
- During hot dry periods it must be watered 2 times a day.

How much water? The sod should be watered until it is saturated. The time required will depend on the sprinkler being used. You can turn over a corner to check when it has been watered sufficiently.

- Avoid traffic on a newly sodded lawn, especially during the first few weeks.
- Cut back on watering just before the first mowing. This will firm up the soil for mowing.
- First mowing should be approximately 14-21 days after the sod has been installed. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the blade. Mowing high is much less stressful on new sod.
- Fertilize the new sod at the appropriate time for already established lawns. Preferably in the fall for most lawns.