



CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD & TREES

With the approaching Spring and arrival of the construction season, the Contractor will complete the remaining construction improvements, including sod and tree planting once conditions allow.

Once the new sod and boulevard trees are in place, we ask for your help to ensure successful establishment. Please avoid walking or driving on your new sod for the first three weeks and follow these care instructions:

MOWING - To ensure successful turf establishment it is important not to mow the sod too short, particularly in the first few weeks.

The first few times you mow the sod, set the mower deck at least three (3) inches high or at the highest setting. Do not cut more than half the plant off at a time. The leaf blades are all that remains for the plant to live until the root system has had time to fully establish itself in your yard. It is important to use caution when mowing the sod for the first growing season after placement and remember it is better to have long green grass than short brown grass and dirt.

WATERING - The Contractor will water the sod and trees as needed for thirty (30) days after installation. Even during this period, if you notice the sod is drying out, please water it accordingly.

You will be responsible for watering and maintenance of your sod and trees after the 30-day maintenance period expires. New sod roots take up to a year to reach full length, and require at least two (2) inches of water per week in three or four applications. This can be reduced of course when it rains. To check if you are watering enough, place a shallow, flat-bottomed container under the sprinkler. Then just measure the water depth in the container.

Trees should be watered with about 20 gallons of water once per week. If you are already watering the sod adjacent to your tree as described above, you do not need to add additional water for the tree. The water being placed on the sod will soak into the soil and will be adequate to support the new tree.

FERTILIZING - Your sod was fertilized where it was grown and again during installation; therefore, it will not need fertilizer during the maintenance period. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod.

If you notice problems with the placement and/or condition of your new sod or tree, please contact Ben Rosol immediately at (507) 236-6357.

Following these steps will restore your lawn to its prior condition as quickly as possible. This will take a little time and patience, and we thank you for both.