

Sailor Street Improvements - 2020

CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD

Once the new sod is in place, we ask for your help to ensure successful establishment. Please avoid excessive walking or any driving on your new sod this Fall and for the first few weeks following the Spring thaw. Please also note the following care instructions:

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

The first few times you mow the sod next spring 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. 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 as needed for thirty (30) days after installation. Considering current weather conditions and time of the year, it is likely that watering needs will be minimal this Fall.

You will be responsible for watering and maintenance of your sod beginning next Spring. 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.

Contact City Hall to find out how you can save money on your sewer bill by signing up for the City's lawn watering program!

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

If you notice problems with the placement and/or condition of your new sod, please contact Ben Rosol before the end of the 30-day maintenance period 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.