

# LAWN AFTERCARE GUIDE

## SOD

### WATER

- New sod requires about 1" of water per day for the first ten days so that it is kept constantly damp. After that water every other day until sod has rooted in. This may be checked by gently tugging on the sod. If you feel resistance that is a good sign the sod has begun to set its roots. After about 2 weeks, water as needed
- A sprinkler is the best way to water sod
- Morning watering is recommended
- No foot traffic or traffic of any kind on new sod -this will cause depressions in your lawn that are difficult to fix

### MOWING

- You may mow your new sod two weeks after installation
- Be careful not to mow new sod too short
- Make sure mowing blades are sharp so the grass is not torn or pulled
- Mow consistently every week to promote rapid root growth

**FERTILIZER** After it is safe to walk on your lawn, you should apply a lawn starter granule. . This is generally 2-3 weeks after installation. We recommend ***Espoma Organic Lawn Starter*** or ***Fertilome New Lawn Starter***. About 60 days after you apply the starter, you should begin a seasonal lawn program. We are proud to offer a totally organic 4 step ***Lawn Program by Espoma*** that is safe for kids and pets. We also carry a 4 step ***Lawn Program by Fertilome***. You may start an annual lawn program at any time of year. We have put together ***The All Season Lawn Care Guide*** that outlines each program to help you get started and keep you on track for a beautiful lawn all year.

## SEED

### WATER

- For the first month keep the area damp to a depth of about 3 inches
- Soil should be kept constantly wet
- Water with the finest spray mist possible to avoid soil erosion
- Avoid puddling, move sprinkler frequently to allow water to absorb instead of washing away the seed
- After 30 days water as needed

### MOWING

- Seedlings may be mowed after they have reached a height of 2-2.5"
- Keep blades sharp so that seedling are not pulled from the soil

**FERTILIZER** New Lawn Starter fertilizer has been put down with your lawn seed. This fertilizer will promote germination and rooting. After 60 days, you should begin a seasonal lawn program. We are proud to offer completely ***Organic Lawn Program by Espoma*** that is safe for kids and pets. We also carry a 4 step ***Lawn Program by Fertilome***. You may start an annual lawn program at any time of year. Ask about the specific needs of your lawn. We can help you get started and keep you on track for a beautiful lawn all year.

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