

HOW TO LAY SOD

REFERENCE GUIDE



HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT

Prepare the ground before ordering!



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It's **IMPORTANT** to prepare your ground first before ordering. Your sod needs to be laid within 6-12 hours once you've received it.

4 WAYS TO PREPARE BARE AREA

- Rototill, rake debris, level surfaces and lay sod.
- Use "Clear-it" (glyphosate) on a thin lawn. When all the green is killed, rake the area and lay sod.
- Rent a small sod harvester and remove the old turf to make way for the new sod.
- Set your mower very low to the ground. Mow and rake off debris and put down a thin, good quality top soil before sodding.

Grade Surfaces



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Carefully level all surfaces to be sodded. Soil surfaces should be 1 inch below walkways, patios and driveways to accommodate sod thickness. A light rolling will show soil depressions or surface irregularities. These can then be leveled.

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Order Your Sod

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Call **905-389-1315** or Order online at **OrderSodNow.com**

NOTE: We will need **24 hour notice** to deliver your sod - excluding Sundays

Fertilize the Area



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Fertilizer will be used by sod over the next few days as it is watered. Turf starter fertilizer can be applied either on the soil surface or on top of sod after it is down. Apply fertilizer evenly and at the recommended rate. Rake in lightly. Be sure the soil is even and smooth before laying sod. Use Greenhorizons turf starter fertilizer for best results.

Lay Sod Within 12 hours

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Begin laying sod as soon as possible **(within 6 - 12 hours)** upon delivery, especially in the spring (May- June) to avoid damage from heating. Sod that will remain stacked on a pallet for an extended period of time must be unstacked to allow air circulation.



DO NOT LEAVE SPACES



DO NOT OVERLAP



CORRECT INSTALLATION

Lay the first strip of sod along a straight line using string as a guide. Butt joints tightly- do not overlap edges. When laying the second strip, stagger the joints, much like laying bricks. Use a sharp knife to cut sod to fit curves, edges, sprinkler heads, etc.

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Water, Water, Water



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Water within 15 minutes of laying the first roll! Do not wait until the entire area is sodded before watering. As soon as a “sprinkler-sized” area is laid, begin watering it. Then go on to the next section. On a hot day, do not leave laid sod for more than an hour without water. On a cooler, overcast day, do not leave it for more than 2 hours.

Roll New Sod



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Roll your new-GREENHORIZONS lawn to even out the turf joints and to ensure good contact between the turf roots and soil. Rolling is also effective in eliminating air pockets.

Keep Moist



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Keep your new-3-D SOD BLEND well watered for at least 2-3 weeks. This will assist the turf edges to knit and the roots to establish. Now you are ready to enjoy years of pleasure with your beautiful new GREENHORIZONS lawn!

NEW SOD MAINTENANCE



Watering Newly Laid Sod

Water is the single most important tip for successful sod installation.

Water Immediately.

Our basic rule has always been: A half inch of water in the first 10-15 minutes is better than 3 inches of water a few hours later.

Water Deeply.

To maximize results, the ground must be kept moist.

IMPORTANT: Ensure water has penetrated the the sod by lifting a corner and checking the ground beneath.

WATERING SCHEDULE

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7			

WATERING GAUGE TIP.

1. To gauge watering, simply place an empty straight-edge can or container about 6 feet away from the sprinkler.
2. When there is a half inch of water in the can, it is time to move the sprinkler to the next area.
3. Reflected heat along buildings dries sod quickly. Be sure to water these areas more often.

Mowing Newly Laid Sod

For best results, mow your new sod 7 days after installation and perpendicular to the direction it was laid. Adjust your cutting height if needed.

IMPORTANT: The most common and disastrous installation mistake is NOT mowing 6-7 days after installation.

Mowing Established Sod

Mow your lawn twice a week in peak seasons (May- June) and once a week for the rest of the year. Check your lawn and mow according to it's natural growth pattern. We recommend mowing Kentucky Bluegrass Sod 2 1/4" tall but no lower than 1 1/2" and not over 3" tall.

MOWING TIP.

1. Your new living carpet needs mowing 6-7 days after installation.

2. The basic mowing rule: never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade during a single mowing.

3. Set your mower at a cutting height of approximately 2 1/4".

4. For best appearance and better resistance to disease, be sure to keep your mower blades sharp.

