



PA STATE SOD

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Watering and General Maintenance after Installation

Watering should start within the first few hours of your newly installed sod. On a hot day, a ½ inch of water in the first hour means as much to your lawn as 2 inches of water later on. Make certain that water is getting to all areas of your new lawn, corners and edges are easily missed. The best way to make sure you are watering enough is to peel back a corner of the sod and the ground should be wet **UNDER** the sod. It is not necessary to over water, if sod is still wet underneath delay for a day. It is easier to keep the sod wet vs letting it dry out and then trying to water. Until the sod has rooted into the ground, every time the sod completely dries out you start back at week 1 with the watering schedule

| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 |
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| Water Daily | Water every other day | Water every 3 days | Water Once |

- After the 3rd week, the sod should be well rooted into the soil. Test this by again peeling up a corner of sod.
- First mowing should be after the 2nd week. Mow on a high setting, trying not to cut more than 1/3 of the overall height of the grass at one time.
- First fertilizing should be no sooner than 2 weeks after installation of sod. Follow basic fertilizing schedule of 4-5 applications a year.

