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New Sod Care Guide

STOP!!!!

If you are replacing grass that has died, you need to find the problem that caused the original grass to die. Not enough sun? Too much sun? Too much water? Not enough water? Compaction? Dead Soil? Overuse of synthetic fertilizers?

Laying new sod is expensive and work intensive, you want to make sure your money and effort are not wasted. If you are not sure what caused it to die, you need to speak to a person with a good knowledge of turf grasses in your area.

Measuring and Purchasing your sod

Measure the area that you want to sod. Calculate how much you will need by multiplying length times width and divide by 9 and that will give you square yards needed. To calculate that into pieces needed, take that number and times it by 3. ($L \times W / 9 \times 3 =$ pieces needed)

When laying new sod we recommended the following steps.

1. Prepare the lot by grading or raking so that soil slopes away from the foundations and buildings so as to eliminate drainage problems. Tilling to a depth of 2" to 3" smoothing the soil, removing large rocks and sticks. It is best to use a rear tine tiller, if you don't have one you can rent one from Lowe's or Home Depot. This will insure a even tilling depth and that you don't get into the roots of any of your trees.
2. Water heavily to see if water puddles in any low spots. If so, add top soil or re-grade to eliminate low spots.
3. Lay the sod as soon as you can, protect those that you can't lay immediately by placing in a shaded area.
4. Water the new sod as you are laying it to insure that roots do NOT dry out.
5. Roll the new sod with a roller. You can usually rent one of these.
6. Apply a ¼ inch layer of Soil Therapy™ Compost or Back to Nature Acidified Cotton Burr Compost. NEVER apply more than ¼ inch or this can kill your new sod
7. Apply Ron's Grow Gain at 10 lbs per 500 square feet.
8. Water again after compost and fertilizer are spread.

Warning: Never use synthetic fertilizers or root stimulators on new sod: It WILL kill it.

Watering your new sod

When daytime temperatures are below 90° Fahrenheit

1. Water once a day for the first 7 – 10 days
2. Water every other day for the next 7 – 10 days
3. Water every 3rd day for the next 14 days

When daytime temperatures are above 90° Fahrenheit

1. Water 2 times a day for the first 7 – 10 days
2. Water every day for the next 7 – 10 days
3. Water every other day for the next 14 days

**Reapply Grow Gain at this time and return to normal watering schedule.
For the 1st year, use Grow Gain only and reapply every 90 days.**