

## Measure

- ✓ Measure the area of your planned lawn care with a tape measure and note length and width in feet. Take into account areas you plan to use for flowerbeds or patios and deduct these areas from your measurements.
- ✓ If you find yourself with odd shapes or triangles, it may be easier to divide your planned areas into small squares to give you a more accurate measurement.
- ✓ Multiply the length and width together to get a measurement in square feet.
- ✓ Depending on the accuracy of your measurements, it may be safer to order a few extra square feet.

## Ordering

- ✓ Order sod by the skid or roll, we will deliver! All you need to do is give the length and the width (or the square footage) of the area which you plan on putting your new grass. We will calculate how much you need.

## Soil Prep

- ✓ For best results, rototill or spade the area to a depth of 4 to 6 in. Eliminate drainage problems by having soil slope away from foundations, etc.
- ✓ Soil test your lawn area with the assistance of qualified service in your area. Then rake in fertilizer, lime, peat, compost, etc. as needed to a depth of 3 to 4 inches.
- ✓ Rake and smooth the soil removing rocks, roots, and large clods.
- ✓ Roll the area lightly with a lawn roller 1/3 full of water. This will firm the soil surface and reveal low areas that need more soil.
- ✓ Keep the grade 1 inch below sidewalks or driveway.
- ✓ Water the prepared area to settle soil and provide a moist base for turf. Moistening to a depth of 6 inches is recommended for most soils.

## Turf Installation

- ✓ Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Begin watering lawn within 30 minutes of installation. Turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture to survive!
- ✓ In hot weather, protect un-laid turf by placing stacks in shade, covering with moist burlap sacking, and/or sprinkling.
- ✓ Begin installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk. Butt and push edges and ends against each other tightly, without stretching. Avoid gaps and overlaps.
- ✓ Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a large sharp knife to trim corners, etc.
- ✓ Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges as they will not retain moisture.
- ✓ To avoid causing indentations or air pockets avoid repeated walking or kneeling on the turf while it is being installed or just after watering.

- ✓ After installing the turf, roll the entire area to improve turf/soil contact and remove air pockets.

## Watering

- ✓ Give your new lawn at least 1 inch of water within ½ hour of installation. Water daily or more often, keeping your turf moist until it is firmly rooted (about 2 weeks). Then less frequent and deeper watering should begin.
- ✓ Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering.

- ✓ Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry, or windy periods.
- ✓ Water areas near building more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

**CAUTION:** During the first three weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn. This gives the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil, and insures that the turf will remain smooth.



## Maintenance

- ✓ Your new sod lawn increases your property value significantly. With proper care, it will remain a great asset, providing beauty, a clean playing surface, and an improved environment.
- ✓ Mow often, generally removing no more than 1/3 of the grass height at a mowing.
- ✓ Keep your mower blade sharp.