

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 watering 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 sod by lifting a corner and checking the ground beneath.

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.

Watering Schedule - Guideline

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			

IMPORTANT:

Do not mow until the sod is rooted into the soil. Sod must be well established.

Mowing Newly Laid Sod

For best results, mow your new sod 10-14 days after installation and perpendicular to the direction it was laid. Adjust your cutting height if needed. The sod must be rooted.

IMPORTANT:

The most common and disastrous installation mistake is NOT mowing 10-14 days after installation.

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 TIPS

1. Your new living carpet needs mowing 10-14 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.



Lawn tips are provided by Lach Sod Farms. These are general recommendations. Specific procedures can vary according to weather and soil conditions. For more specific information on mowing, watering, fertilizing, seeding and more, please visit: www.lachsodfarms.ca.

Disclaimer: Lach Sod Farms is not responsible for sod that is not installed within 12 hours of delivery, and for sod that is not watered properly once purchased.

HOW TO LAY SOD

REFERENCE GUIDE

YOUR GUIDE TO ACHIEVING A LUSH, BEAUTIFUL LAWN

•INSTALL & WATER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE•



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1 PREPARE THE GROUND

It's **IMPORTANT** to prepare your ground first before ordering. Your sod needs to be laid 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.

2 GRADE SURFACES

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.

3 FERTILIZE THE AREA

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.

4 LAY SOD

Begin laying sod as soon as possible (**No later than 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.

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



Do Not Overlap



Do Not Leave Spaces



Correct Installation

5 WATER, WATER, WATER

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.

6 ROLL NEW SOD

Roll your new 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.

7 KEEP MOIST

Keep your new mineral sod 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 Lach Sod lawn!

Fun Fact: We love to hear from you! Send pictures of your project once it's to office@lachsodfarms.ca. Don't forget to like us on Facebook too!