

# TURF/SOD Installation

**Measuring your lawn:** If your yard is an odd shape divide the area into rectangles or triangles. The formulas to determine the number of square feet in a rectangle is: *Length times width (feet)*. The formula for a triangle is: *1/2 the base times the height (feet)*. If you wish to know the area in square yards divide the number of square feet by 9.

**Ordering Turf:** We suggest you call us one week before you want to lay your sod. This helps us to time your order carefully. Cancellations can be accepted only up to 24 hours before delivery. Remember, your sod is cut just prior to delivery or just before you come to pick it up.

*Make sure the ground preparation is complete before the delivery date.*

Note: sod should be laid as soon as possible after delivery, especially in hot weather. The quicker the sod is transplanted the better your lawn will look. You should never leave turf rolled up for more than 1 or 2 days after delivery.

## Laying the Sod:

Apply root fertilizer uniformly to the prepared ground just before laying the sod. We recommend a high phosphate root starter such as 10 20 10. (*We supply free starter fertilizer with each sod order.*) Next, moisten the soil. Your turf will root on damp soil more than twice as fast as it will on dry soil.

Lay the first row of sod on a straight line along a curb, driveway, or taut string. Make sure that ends are butted close together, but not overlapping. Indent the second row from the first like brickwork. Avoid stretching the sod because it shrinks on drying, and leaves spaces that are easily invaded by weeds. When all the sod has been laid roll it with a lawn roller to ensure good contact between the sod and the soil beneath.

If the ground is very soft use sheets of plywood or wide planks to spread your weight to prevent sinking in. Roll the lawn when the ground is firm.

Water thoroughly and do not allow the sod to dry out. (Please note that you may have to water during the course of the installation.) If the sod is laid in mid summer it should be watered lightly at noon each day for a week or two in warm dry weather to prevent excessive loss of moisture from the grass leaves until the roots take hold and begin to draw moisture from the soil below.

## CALL US FOR SERVICE

We guarantee the quality of our turf. If you have any questions or concerns give us a call. We'll be happy to take a look at your lawn and advise you if problems should arise.

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YOUR CHOSEN TURF SUPPLIER