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# Maintaining Your New Lawn

## Watering Schedule for New Sod

Supplying your new sod with the correct amount of water from the start is a must. Here is a quick reference as to how much and often to water your new lawn (see chart on back).

Water the sod as soon as possible after it is installed. At least one inch (25mm) of water at each and every watering. A quick way to check if your sod has been watered enough is to lift up the corner of the sod. If the sod and soil underneath is wet, it's a good indication it has received enough water. Then water thoroughly on a daily basis for a total of 5 Days. On Day 7 your lawn can be mowed using a push mower running perpendicular to the direction in which the sod was laid. Mowing your lawn will stimulate the roots.

On Week 2 reduce watering to every other day and mow on Day 14. On Week 3 reduce to watering every third day and mow on Day 21. On Week 4 apply Willowlee's Pro-Maintenance Fertilizer.

Reducing the frequency of watering helps to encourage deep, healthy rooting. Frequent, light watering results in shallow roots.

It is best to water your sod slowly and evenly. This will help the water penetrate both the sod and the soil underneath, without causing run-off. It is possible to over water, which restricts air from reaching the roots where it is needed.

# Lawn Restoration Program

## Weekly Watering Guide

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
1	water	water	-
2	water	-	water
3	water	water	-
4	water	-	-
5	water	water	water
6	-	-	-
7	mow with push mower	mow with push mower	mow with push mower

### Watering Tips

- Water your sod as soon as it has been laid.
- Slow and even watering is key.
- Areas around buildings will dry out quicker due to the heat emission from the structure. Make sure to give those areas extra water.
- Mow your sod perpendicular to the direction it was laid.
- Ideal blade height for the mower is approximately 2.5-3".
- Always make sure your blades are sharp.
- Try to stay off the sod for approximately 2 weeks.
- Lifting the edge of your sod up to check the soil underneath is a good way to gauge if it is getting enough water.



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