

New Sod Maintenance: Your Guide to a Thriving Lawn

Thank you for choosing Creative Outdoor Design for your landscaping project! We aim to set clear expectations to ensure you are satisfied with the results. Here's a straightforward guide to help you care for your new sod and achieve a lush, green lawn.

Stages of Sod Installation and Care

Initial Transplant Period (Weeks 1-3)	The first few weeks are crucial. Your sod is likely in shock from transport and will need time to adjust to its new environment and put down roots. Keeping it moist is key. You should be able to push your finger into the sod to the second knuckle (about 1-2 in) and it should feel moist.
Root Development Period (Weeks 3-5)	Encouraging deeper root growth is essential for a healthy lawn. You will be reducing watering frequency during this time as the roots grow.
Mowing and Maintenance (Begins weeks 4-6)	Proper mowing practices will help your sod establish well and stay healthy. First mow should be with a push mower between weeks 4-6.
Weed Control and Fertilization	Maintaining a weed control and fertilization program is vital for your lawn's success. You will see some weed growth initially. It will get less as the sod takes root and begins to push out the weeds.
Insects	Be vigilant about pests, especially during late summer.

Maintenance Instructions

Watering	Mowing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weeks 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep sod and soil moist up to two inches deep. ○ Water in the morning and as needed midday. ○ Avoid overwatering to prevent standing water. ● Weeks 3-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gradually reduce watering frequency. ○ Aim for longer intervals between watering to promote deep rooting. ○ Transition to 1 inch of water per week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week 4-6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First mow with a push rotary mower at the highest setting. ○ Gradually lower the mow height in the following mowings. ○ Mow frequently without cutting more than 1/3 of the grass' blade length. ● Fescue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain height of 3-4 inches. ○ Remove debris quickly in fall and winter. ○ Use preventative fungicide to maintain strength through summer.
Ongoing Maintenance	FAQ's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weed Control and Fertilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expect some initial weed growth ○ Hire a professional for weed control and fertilization for at least the first year ● Insects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor for pests particularly in late summer. ○ Look for signs like browning or pests on the sod. ○ Apply insecticide as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How much should I water in the first few weeks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you notice standing water or puddles, water less. ○ If sod and soil are dry, water more. ● Do I have to use a push mower? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Riding mowers are heavier and can cause divots or even uproot the sod. ● Why does my yard still seem lumpy or not level? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sod pieces have natural inconsistencies that will settle with time and mowing. ○ Full results may take several months to a year.

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