

# The Sod Installation Process



If you are wanting an instant lawn, sod is the way to go. The process is easy if you prepare the site correctly and care for the sod properly.

## Soil Prep

1. Make sure the existing lawn as well as weeds are eliminated. If you are using chemical, use Roundup only.
2. Till your lawn to a depth of 4" if there is compaction or if the soil is very uneven. The soil bed should be firm but not compacted to allow the roots to quickly root in. The texture should be fine and not clumpy
3. Grade the soil to the desired slope
4. Get rid of rocks and clumps of soil.
5. Fertilize with Sustane Seed Starter or Fertilome New Lawn Starter before laying the sod.

## Installing Sod

1. Start in a corner and start rolling out the sod along a straight edge.
2. Each piece of sod should be butted up to each other, with no gaps. Make sure each piece is flat with good contact to the soil (if needed use sod staples or a sod roller to keep in place.)
3. Off set the next row so the ends of the sod row are staggered.
4. Water in the sod immediately.



## Watering and Caring for New Sod

1. Water your new sod immediately upon laying it- DO NOT WAIT FOR THE NEXT DAY!
2. The sod and soil needs to stay moist for the first two weeks. Depending on temps and sun, you may need to water 2-3 times a day for 15-20 minutes each time.
3. After two weeks you can start to decrease water, however you still want to keep the soil moist, and keep watering deeply to encourage deep root growth.
4. If the sod had shown good root growth, it can be mowed at a higher-than-normal height after 14 days.
5. Fertilize 4-6 weeks after installation.