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PROPER CARE OF NEWLY INSTALLED SOD

SUN OR SHADE

In most cases the more sunshine the healthier the grass. Partial shade usually means less than perfect lawns. Heavy shade usually causes poor turf and no grass can survive in full shade.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Before your new sod is installed it is imperative to make sure that your irrigation system is operating properly, that the new turf will be receiving full watering coverage and in the proper amounts. In reality the majority of lawns, once established, could receive substantially less water than they do and still do great. Water wasters in the landscape are faulty irrigation systems, running the system for too long, irrigating more frequently than needed, irrigating paved areas etc. As water demand continues to rise in Florida, it is increasingly important that we all do our part to practice proper irrigation JLC Outdoors will be glad to consult with you in this matter.

WATERING

Improper watering , too much, too little, too often or at the wrong time, results in low quality turf. Correct watering practices are essential for successful turfgrass management. Newly installed sod should be watered once a day for several weeks. Frequent light waterings cause shallow root systems that are not good for your lawn. Once your sod is rooted, to develop a deep root system, grass should be watered thoroughly when the first signs of wilt occur. Your water management districts watering standards should be sufficient to achieve this goal once the new sod is established

On established turf try to avoid watering in the evening hours as this can promote fungus. Early morning is the best time of day. Under normal circumstances, the best time to water is between 4 and 6 a.m., close to sunrise. At this time wind speeds are lowest, there is less evaporation of applied water, most importantly, it reduces the “dew period”. Wet leaf blades are prime receptors for fungal pathogens, and the longer the leaf blades stay wet, the greater the chance for disease.

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF WATERING TO GET YOUR NEW SOD ESTABLISHED THERE WILL BE A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN YOUR WATER BILL. JLC Outdoors assumes no liability for this cost.

FERTILIZING

Your grass will need to be fertilized at least twice a year, once in early spring and early fall. DO NOT FERTILIZE YOUR NEWLY INSTALLED SOD UNTIL IT IS FIRMLY ROOTED. All fertilizers may burn if improperly applied. Never exceed the recommended rate or the sod may be damaged. Always apply fertilizer when the grass leaves are dry and water thoroughly after application.

MOWING

Chances are mowing will not be required before the sod is firmly rooted. Mowing should not damage recently installed sod. The recommended mowing height for most turf is at least 4 inches or set your mower blade to its highest height. Never mow more than one-third the height of the grass at one time. By all means, keep your mower blade sharp so it “cuts” the grass. A dull blade tears the grass leaving jagged ends that quickly turn brown.

PEST CONTROL

Spring and summer especially are notorious for bugs, worms, and diseases. After all we are in Florida. Your new sod has been recently treated to control these pests but watering will wash away our spray. PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT; if any abnormality in your new turf is detected call a pest control service immediately.

OUR MISSION

JLC Outdoors does everything possible to make your re-sod experience a success. We have 17 years of landscaping experience to help make this happen. All our sod is premium quality, grown locally and is cut, delivered, and installed on the same day. Our installers are experienced, full time employees and all jobs are set up and overseen by owner / management. Because of the many variables involved, and the need of proper after care, we offer no further warranties. THANK YOU for choosing JLC Outdoors.