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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAINTAINING YOUR NEW SOD

NEW SOD - Thoroughly soak on the day of installation until the original dirt under the sod is uniformly damp. This will take at least 45 minutes to an hour in each location per day. After the first week, depending on temperatures you may be able to back off to every other day. After three weeks (the fourth week), watering can be stepped back to 2 times per week.

If water begins running out from under your sod, reset or shut off your sprinklers. The runoff is a sign the saturation has occurred and further watering is a waste of water. This situation usually occurs 45 to 60 minutes after you have started sprinkling an area. It is for this reason we recommend 45 to 60 minute watering intervals on a given area of a lawn.

These are general recommendations that depend entirely on weather, slope, wind and many other factors. Areas to watch first for signs of stress are adjacent to concrete, corners, slopes and south sides of buildings with light colored siding. The sod will start to turn a bluish grey color as it starts to dry out. This discoloration is a sign to water this area immediately. If these areas are not watered they may turn brown in the following days. Keep these areas moist at all times and eventually they will come back if they were not allowed to completely dry out.