

# Sod Preparation & Installation

### <u>Preparing the Soil</u>

- 1. Clean the area of debris.
- 2. Grade area to desired contours.
- 3. Four inches of top soil should be available- if not it should be added.
- 4. Use a roto-tiller to prepare the soil to a depth of four inches.
- 5. Test your soil, and fertilize and lime the area if necessary.
- 6. Rake to a smooth, even surface and you are ready!

## Installing the Sod

- 1. Have the ground completely prepared before ordering your sod.
- 2. If you are not going to lay the sod within twenty-four hours, stack it in the shade and keep watered.
- With a water roller, hand tamper, or other device, immediately press the sod into contact with the sod bed by tamping or rolling, to eliminate air pockets and to provide a true, even surface.

# Sod Aftercare

### Watering

- New sod should be watered thoroughly during establishment. If you are uncertain on how much water to apply, lift up the corner of a piece of sod and check the soil underneath. It should be moist, but no puddles should form.
- Continue to water your sod until the roots have adhered to the soil beneath it (give a light tug to the corner of a piece of sod; it should not come up easily).
  Once the sod is established, water only as necessary.

#### Mowing

- 1. You may begin to mow your lawn once it has reached a height of approximately 5"- 6". Adjust your lawnmower's blade height so that it will cut 1/3 of the height of the grass (leaving your grass at a height of approximately 3"- 4" when mowing is complete).
- After mowing your new lawn twice, future mowing may be completed at the height that is most fit for your variety of grass.

#### Disclaimer

There is no guarantee or warranty on sod, whether you install it or we do. Routine upkeep is necessary for sustaining sod and preventing weeds; ask about our maintenance services.

