



## NEW SOD INSTALL PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

**YOUR NEW LAWN WILL BE INSTALLED SOON.**

Following are a few things you need to know about our process and your responsibilities.

**\*We will need to access your property with Bobcats and sod installation machines.**

-For your safety, please stay clear of any equipment. It is sometimes difficult for the operator to see completely around the machine.

-Keep children away.

-Please, if possible, plant or place small items after sod installation. An obstacle course makes it more difficult to properly finish grade and install the sod.

-Please be sure to park vehicles so as to allow our equipment full access to all areas of your yard from the street.

**\*We would prefer fence installation to be delayed until after sod installation.** The fence makes it very difficult, if not impossible in some cases, to do any necessary grade corrections near the fence.

-If the fence is installed prior to the sod, please be sure to leave at least a 10' opening to allow access for our equipment.

**\*Your scheduled time is dependent on many factors, not the least of which is weather.**

-We need the right soil conditions to properly finish grade and install the sod.

-Wet, muddy ground makes it impossible to do the job right.

-If we are delayed on a job ahead of you on the schedule, it will delay us on your job. Please be patient, we have every intention of completing your job not only on time, but doing it right.

-Our motto has always been: "Quality comes first, do the job the way we would want our own to be done."

We provide a high-quality product installed by professionals to promote the best results for a healthy new lawn. In addition, we provide a variety of watering, care and maintenance information, both initially in writing and available on our website, to help ensure the health and longevity of your lawn for years to come. It is then your responsibility to follow these instructions to ensure long term success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at (952) 758-2676. We will be more than happy to answer your questions and to assist you in any way we can. Visit our website at [www.LukesSod.com](http://www.LukesSod.com) for more information.

### **\*Watering the new sod with an irrigation system\***

**\*We will need access to the irrigation controller.** Typically, this is in your garage. If you are home, we will ask you to open the garage door. If not, your options are to either leave one garage door unlocked or provide the code to a trusted neighbor or your construction manager.

-During sod installation, our crews will cut around the irrigation heads and valve boxes.

-When installation is complete, we will check our work to be sure nothing was missed. This process involves running the irrigation. When running each zone, we check to be sure all irrigation heads are cut out and check the adjustment of the heads to be sure all sod is being watered.

-We program the controller to properly water the new sod.

-We will leave initial "new sod care instructions" by the controller. These instructions will have the date the sod was installed, approximate date to stop watering-in, preparation for the first mowing and the approximate first mow date.

-Before we leave, we will restart the irrigation system to progressively run all zones for an initial watering.

**\*\*Please view our website for further instructions.**

### **\*Watering the new sod with hoses and sprinklers\***

**\*Be prepared before we arrive.** Purchase hoses and sprinklers in advance and plan a strategy. Your new sod needs to be watered immediately and daily for the first 10-12 days. The sod will dry sooner than the soil under it.

-You will need enough hose to reach the far points of your yard. Pulsating and oscillating sprinklers work best. You should have at least 2 pulsating and 2 oscillating sprinklers or more, depending on the size of your yard and weather conditions.

-A timer is a good idea. This will enable watering to start or stop while you are away or at night.

-You will need to start watering the sod immediately. On warm/windy days, to prevent the sod from drying out, you may be asked to start watering while we are still installing the sod. We call this "healing in the sod".

-Warm and/or windy days will dry the sod quickly which will cause it to stress. Therefore, in these conditions, it is equally important that the sod receive water immediately if it is to receive enough water.

-Our Crew members have specific jobs to do. Please do not ask them to set up sprinklers. Doing so will disrupt the entire process.

**\*\*Please view our website for suggested sprinkler placement and further instructions.**

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