

## \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\* CARE INSTRUCTIONS

## WATERING YOUR NEW LAWN WITH AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Your New Lawn was Installed on: \_\_\_\_\_

## Watering Schedule:

- \*\* Start watering immediately after installation to prevent the sod from drying out.
- \*\* Apply water @ the rate of: \_\_\_\_\_\_ in each area daily.

\*\* Stop watering on or about: \_\_\_\_\_\_You need to let the grass and soil dry for 3 to 4 days and then mow on or about \_\_\_\_\_\_. Rule of

thumb: Never remove more than 1/3 of the height of the grass in one mowing.

**NOTE:** At this point you are watering the sod. That is where the plant and roots are. The sod will dry quicker than the soil the sod is laid on. That is why it is important to water several times a day. This much water will cause the soil under the sod to become wetter (with each watering) and consequently very soft.

## \*\*\* DO NOT WALK ON THE SOD FOR THE FIRST 2 WEEKS\*\*\*

\*\* The irrigation system should be set to water 3 times per day.

** Suggested set times to run	1 <sup>st</sup> : 12:00 AM (midnight)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 6:00 AM
	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 6:00 PM
** Length of time to run	Gear heads (heads that move): 30 minutes
	Stationary heads (mist spray): 15-20 minutes

**NOTE:** Our crews will program your irrigation system at the time of the sod installation. This setting will be good for the initial watering-in period after sod installation and the run times can remain indefinitely. **HOWEVER, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN YOUR SYSTEM ON OR OFF TO MANAGE THE WATER NEEDS OF THE GRASS.** 

\*\*\*<u>DO NOT LEAVE THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM RUNNING DAILY OR WATER EVERY OTHER DAY</u> <u>AFTER THE INITIAL WATERING-IN PERIOD. WATER ONLY WHEN IT IS NEEDED.</u>

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