

# Lawns –Starting a new Lawn from Sod

## Steps for Installing a New Sod Lawn

1. Prepare underlying soil. Rake and remove rocks, debris, etc. Slope soil away from the foundations.
2. Spread topsoil to depth of 4 - 6 inches preferably. The deeper the soil is, the healthier your lawn will be in the future.
3. Apply lime at a rate of 100 lbs per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and rake or roto-till into soil.
4. Apply 6-12-12 fertilizer at a rate of 30 - 40 lbs per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and rake or roto-till in. One 25 lb bag will cover 1800 ft<sup>2</sup>.
5. Lightly roll soil to provide a smooth surface for turf installation. Water the prepared area lightly to provide a moist base for the turf.
6. Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Water immediately following installation. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick like fashion. On slopes, place sod across the slope and use pegs to hold sod in place. Roll over the area with a sod roller to remove air pockets.
7. Give your new lawn 1 inch of water shortly after installation. Water daily for the first two weeks, then less frequently and deeper watering should begin.
8. During the first 3 weeks after sodding, avoid heavy traffic on teh area.
9. Lawns can be mowed to a height of 2 inches once this amount of growth is noted.
10. Follow the guidelines for caring for an established lawn.

