



## **NEW SOD LAWN CARE & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

Sod is a wonderful option for creating a finished instant landscape. However, without proper care it can turn color and dwindle shortly after installation if it is not properly cared for.

Sod has minimal roots and in order for it to live, it must NOT be allowed to dry out. Extra water for the next several weeks while the root system is becoming established is important, watering even 4 times a day during the summer and twice a day in the spring and fall.

Your new lawn will be ready for its first mowing in approximately 3 weeks and should be cut to 2 ½ inches in height. Never mow more than 1/3 off of the height of sod. If necessary, mow more frequently rather than cutting it shorter. You can plan ahead for mowing by turning the sprinkler system off the night before you plan to mow, and use a light walk-behind type mower to avoid causing ruts.

Sod comes with many advantages; it is already a year old and weed-free with plenty of fertilizer for the next 30 days. After that initial period the sod will need a good fertilization program to maintain healthy growth and color. For our southern Idaho climate and soil conditions Kimberly Nurseries recommends applying 50 lbs per 10,000 square feet of a 20-10-10 + 10% iron. During the growing season the lawn will need a new application of this fertilizer every other month starting early in April and ending early in October.

Please call us if you have any questions. Thank you!