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SOD ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

The heavy lifting has been completed but now it's time for the most important part, maintaining it! Below you will find some helpful tips on establishing your new sod. Aside from water, the very next step is getting on our Turf Management Plan. Contact us today if you're not already on our plan.



WATERING:

The most important step is meeting the watering requirements. Your sod was watered in by us during and following the installation.

First Two Weeks (The Rooting Period)

- Water daily, or more often, keeping sod moist until it is firmly rooted.
- You want to water enough to make certain the soil under the sod is wet. This can take a different amount of time depending on pressure and watering devices.
- Lift a piece of sod here and there to make certain that you are watering enough. Adjust as needed.

After "The Rooting Period"

- Heavy and infrequent watering should begin.
- Water to supplement rainfall shortages.
- Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods.
- Be sure to pay special attention to areas on slopes and next to buildings. These areas tend to dry out faster.
- Lastly, be sure to keep an eye out for those hot spots. If you notice a blueish/greyish tint on your lawn, it is under heat and drought stress and will require more water.



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT WATERING:

Water your lawn in the mornings. This allows your lawns leaf blades to dry out prior to sunset. Evening watering can promote disease activity.



MOWING:

- You may begin mowing after "The Rooting Period". (Or just call us. We offer mowing services!)
- Be sure to give the lawn a tug in random areas to ensure it is ready. This is important to prevent damage.
- Depending on the time of year and species of sod, the lawn could be really high at this point.
- Remain patient and gradually reduce your mowing height each week until you've reached the desired height.
- Tall Fescue likes to be maintained around 3 1/2 - 4".
- Bermuda, Zoysia, and Centipede like to be mowed lower. 2 1/2 inches is about as low as you can get with a rotary style mower without causing damage.



INSECT & DISEASE:

- Be sure to keep a close eye on disease and insect issues that could arise.
- If you notice any discoloration or something that just doesn't look right, give us a call!
- It's imperative to address these concerns promptly to ensure overall lawn health and success of your investment.
- It's better to be proactive with these concerns, rather than reactive. Give us a call to receive instant pricing on a Turf Management Plan.



CONTINUED MAINTENANCE:

At this point in the process you can finally sit back and enjoy your lawn... well kinda! Lawns do require continued maintenance to keep them at their best.

If you are interested in a worry-free approach, we can put together a Turf Management Plan for you. Call us for instant, over the phone pricing.



SEED ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

Thank you for allowing us to rejuvenate your lawn areas! Below you will find some helpful tips on establishing your new seeds and maximizing your investment.



WATERING:

You may begin watering the new seeds immediately. For the best results, the first watering should be a moderate watering to move the seed and soil downward to create a good seedbed.

First 3 Weeks:

- Seeds will require light and frequent watering (Twice a day for at least 1 week, if necessary).
- Water just enough to keep the seeds and soils surface wet.
- After the initial watering, ensure that the seeds stay moist.
- Once a seed absorbs moisture the germination process begins.
- The seeds are not able to acquire their own moisture without a root system.
- Open areas and slopes will dry quicker than areas protected by tree cover. Adjust your watering accordingly to meet areas that may have a higher watering requirement.

After 3 Weeks:

- Between 2-3 weeks following seeding, you should begin to notice new plants. At this stage the plants will require heavy and infrequent watering.
- This type of watering will help establish a strong root system by encouraging the roots to push deeper into the soil.
- Continue watering for at least 3 more weeks for best results.



MOWING:

- Depending on the current conditions of the lawn, try to refrain from mowing for at least 2-3 weeks after this service.
- If the majority of your lawn made it through the Summer, then you may have to mow around the new growth much because the existing turf is getting tall.
- If you have mostly all new turf, mowing can be delayed until the new grass gets to that 3" mark.
- Your lawn should be mowed at a height of 3"-5".
- The less traffic the better during the first 6 weeks following seeding.
- After this period, regular mowing is encouraged at 3-3.5" for the remainder of the growing season.
- Mow weekly! Mowing your lawn encourages the plants to grow and tiller.
- Prior to mowing, make sure that you allow the lawn to dry out a little before mowing. This will help prevent damage.



DISEASE PREVENTION:

- We recommend applying a fungicide to your lawn following this service to help protect your lawn from diseases like: Gray Leaf Spot, Brown Patch, and Pythium Root Rot.
- Weather can change dramatically in our region allowing optimum disease conditions to creep over into optimum seeding season.
- Please contact our office today to schedule your Fall Fungicide Application or for Preventive Disease Management next Summer.



TREE & SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

Congratulations on your new landscaping. Whether the purpose is privacy, seasonal color, or just improving the landscape, the hard work is done! There are a few elements to mindful of moving forward.



WATERING:

- Watering new plants will depend on the time of year, the amount of rainfall, and plant requirements.
- Even drought tolerant plants will need adequate watering until they are established.
- Planting in Spring or Summer will require more watering than planting during the Winter or Fall.
- In general, watering two to three times per week should be sufficient.
- Fewer, but deep waterings are better than frequent shallow waterings. Deep watering promotes deeper and healthier roots.
- Do NOT keep the soil saturated, but do not allow the soil to become bone dry either.
- After a few weeks, frequency of watering can be gradually reduced.
- If you need assistance with watering, please let us know and we can provide watering services for you.



IRRIGATION SYSTEMS:

- Remember that most irrigation systems are intended for maintenance, not establishing new plantings.



SIGNS OF DROUGHT STRESS:

- If you notice wilting, this is a sign of drought stress and will require more water.
- Plants are quick to recover (often overnight) once the drought-stricken plants are watered.



SIGNS OF TOO MUCH WATER:

- In most cases when overwatering, you will notice foliage turning yellow or thinning.
- Back off the watering if you're noticing these signs.
- It's best to allow some time for the soils to dry out between waterings. This will help prevent disease activity.
- Give the soil around the base of the plant a finger poke to check the soil moisture content.



TREE STAKES:

- In some cases, trees require staking to ensure establishment.
- Allow these stakes and arbor ties to remain in place for the first year.
- After this period, please have them removed.



MULCH REPLENISHMENT:

- A layer of mulch helps to conserve soil moisture. While improving the look of the landscape.
- We recommend replenishing the Mulch or Pine Straw once per year.
- If you decide to mulch on your own next year, be mindful of "mulch volcanoes" (mulch mounded around the trunk of the plant).
- Remember that roots are meant to be wet (moist), and bark is meant to be dry.
- Or just give us a call, we can replenish all ground coverings for you!



DISCLAIMER: Turf TitanZ is not responsible for seed failure due to climatic conditions including but not limited to; heat, storms, high winds, floods or disease. We recommend following the above steps for overall success. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team along the way with any questions.



IF YOU ARE NOT ON OUR ORNAMENTAL CARE PLAN; OPT IN!

This will give your plants year around pest & disease control and will also help your plants meet their nutrient requirements.