

Hello, I am your new Sod Lawn

I Thought I'D take this opportunity to let you know that you are the proud new parent of me, your new seeded lawn. Since I will be with you for years and rely on you for food, protection and survival, I figured you would like some information about my care so that we could avoid the nasty teenage years where I become unmanageable and out-of-control.

First and foremost (since I am brand new) I need water. Lots of water! But of course, not too much. The best way to check if I'm getting enough water is to lift up one of my corners. If the ground beneath my roots is moist, that's good enough. I need to keep damp and moist but please never let water puddle. Please don't drown me (I'm your lawn, not your pool). Keep up this type of watering for at least the first 2-3 weeks then taper off to regular watering intervals. I will cover this later.

Second, don't walk on me. I am very sensitive and my soil is very soft. A footprint on me now will look like a crater later. Please don't let Rover walk on me either, not to mention using me as a, well you get the idea. I'm still fresh and haven't taken root yet so give me a couple-three weeks to get myself established. I've got years of "impressing the neighbors" to think about so I need all the pampering I can get.

Third, I may need a haircut but please don't mow me until I'm taller than the highest setting on your mower. Once again, I'm growing as fast as I can above and below ground. Once you decide to mow me, please don't water me for 1 to 2 days prior. This will let my soil firm up so that you don't make footprints or tracks on me. Now, you may be a drill sergeant and want me to have a crew cut, but remember I'm just an infant. Mow me the first time at 2 ½" – 3" inches. The next time you mow me you can drop it down a ½ inch or so and keep bringing it down gradually until my normal height is 2-2 ½" inches. This may take a few weeks to establish, but not to worry, I will settle in great and grow fast.

Finally, I will need vitamins to keep me healthy and strong. It's best to fertilize me 6-8 weeks from my installation date and every 6-8 weeks from then on. This may vary based upon many natural factors, but you will learn my temperament and know what works best soon enough. The best type of fertilizer to use on me is a Triple 12 or Triple 16 otherwise shown as (12-12-

12). The numbers mean Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium and I need equal parts of each while I'm young. If you have additional questions about fertilizer just call Landscape Concepts and they will help you out.

As for regular watering. On the average, I will need to be watered once every other day. As for how long, well the old trick is to put a tuna can on my belly and make sure it fills 1 1/2" to 2" in a week. You will really need to be the judge on this and hot weather always makes me thirsty. Be careful too, a little rain doesn't mean I'm getting enough water so keep a watchful eye on my behavior.

Once I'm established, I will always be there for you. I will want you to play on me, let Rover sleep on me and I may even entertain a game of croquet. I'm part of the family now and even if you hire a nanny to take care of me I promise to be good. With the proper guidance I will make you proud and the neighbors will envy us. I LOVE YOU GUYS!