

# INSTALLATION GUIDE

Turfgrass is a living and perishable product. Ensure that your site is properly prepared before you receive your sod. **Never wait!** Always install your sod immediately to ensure you have a healthy and beautiful lawn for years to come. Follow these easy steps for best results:

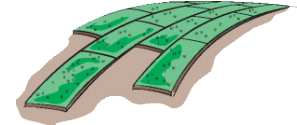
## Soil Preparation

1. Remove all debris from the area.
2. Rototill your soil to a depth of 3-6" (8-10 cm). First till in one direction and then crosswise.
3. Grade and shape the area to desired contours.
4. Use a Blue Cube™ of Manderley Premium Lawn and Garden Soil or Compost to improve the soil composition and to ensure a soil depth of 3-6" (8-10 cm).
5. Add Manderley Root Starter Fertilizer to your soil. Incorporate the fertilizer by lightly rototilling or raking.
6. Rake the surface smooth and even. Roll lightly and smooth again, as required, to remove rough areas and depressions.



## Installation

1. To lay the first row, start against a straight line, such as a curb or driveway. Alternatively, run a taut string up the middle of the area and begin the first row along that line.
2. Lay sod in brickwork fashion
3. Butt all joints tightly together without overlapping.
4. Use sod stakes on steep slopes to prevent the sod from shifting.
5. Cut the sod with a sharp knife or edger to fit odd shapes with small areas.
6. Go over the area with a third-filled roller to press the roots to the soil.
7. Begin watering as soon as your first row has been laid. Your first watering should be to a depth of 4" (10.16 cm) beneath your sod.



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## Water

1. Thorough watering over the first month of your lawn's life is critical to its long-term health.
2. Begin watering immediately after your sod has been laid, ensuring that your soil is wet up to 4-inches below the surface. You can stick your pointer finger into the soil to test the moisture level. If you still feel dry soil, continue watering.
3. Continue watering deeply throughout the establishment period. Water evenly and slowly so that water penetrates the soil without running off. Avoid frequent, light watering which will cause shallow rooting, and overwatering, which will prevent air from reaching the roots.
4. For best results, water early in the morning. This will help you avoid evaporation loss.
5. For a newly installed lawn follow this watering schedule:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wk1	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Wk2	W		W		W		M
Wk3		W					M

6. Stay off a wet lawn to avoid creating depressions.

## Fertilize

1. Manderley Root Starter Fertilizer is specifically blended to promote the establishment of Manderley sod in our growing areas. It is recommended on all new sod installations.
2. For best results, fertilizer should be spread under your sod at the time of installation. If you were unable to fertilize at the time of installation, it will still be beneficial to spread Root Starter Fertilizer over top of your new lawn after the fact.
3. Always water in your fertilizer to prevent burning. Never apply fertilizer to wet grass leaves, especially during extreme heat.
4. Always follow the application instructions on your bag as too much fertilizer will damage your lawn.
5. Your lawn may benefit from a second application 2-4 weeks after your initial fertilizing date.

Watering requirements will vary after establishment. Review our watering guide for more details.

## Mow

1. Proper mowing keeps turfgrass healthy and beautiful.
2. Wait a minimum of two weeks before mowing your new lawn, to allow the roots time to take hold.
3. To avoid damaging your lawn, don't mow when the ground is soggy.
4. Bluegrass should be mowed at a height of between 1.5-3.5" and Fine Fescue from 3"-4" for optimal plant health. This will help ensure you have a dense lawn and lower your risk of weed infestation.



5. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf height at once.