

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the coverage area of a pallet of sod?

Each pallet covers approximately 450 square feet or 50 square yards.

2. How do I prepare the ground for new sod?

For best results, remove all existing vegetation to achieve a good bed of soil for the sod to be placed on. Rocks, roots, and other vegetation will impair the ability of the new sod to take root, often leading to sod failure. In rocky or uneven terrain, quality topsoil may be needed to be brought in to ensure a 6"- 8" bed of soil for the new sod. Till or rake the soil smooth to provide an even surface for the new sod. Because of the perishable nature of new sod, it is important to schedule the delivery of sod after the preparatory work has been completed.

3. Do I need to fertilize the new sod?

We recommend waiting at least 6 weeks after laying new sod to fertilize. Sod comes fully fertilized off the farm and fertilizing too soon may inhibit the ability of the new sod from rooting in.

4. How soon do I need to lay the new sod after receiving it?

We recommend installing your new sod within 24 hours of delivery, or within 12 hours during hot weather. New sod should be watered within 30 minutes of installation.

5. How often do I need to water the new sod?

In general, we recommend watering twice a day for the first 7-10 days. This may vary due to environmental conditions or how fast the lawn dries out. The primary goal is to keep the sod and underlying soil moist for the first 7-10 days. A uniform application of $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1" per watering is recommended. After the first 7-10 days, gradually reduce watering to allow the soil to begin to firm up.

6. How long do I need to water to get $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1"?

Watering times will vary depending on water pressure and the type of applicator being used. It is recommended to use a rain gauge to determine the amount of water being applied.

7. What type of grass does best in the shade?

Zoysia and St. Augustine varieties can handle varying degrees of shade, depending on the variety. Visit our turfgrass selector to learn more about these varieties.

8. What type of grass does best in full sun?

All of the varieties we carry will grow well in full sun. Zoysia, Bermuda, and Buffalo varieties require less water than St. Augustine varieties in full sun, with Bermuda and Buffalo requiring the least amount. It must be noted that all varieties will need regular watering to provide a healthy, vigorous lawn. Please visit our turfgrass selector to learn more.

9. How long should I wait before mowing the new sod?

Once the roots are established you may begin mowing your new sod. This typically takes approximately 2 weeks, however individual results may vary.

10. How do I measure the area to determine how much sod I will need?

To keep it simple, most areas to be measured can be divided into squares, triangles, or circles. Draw the area out on paper and use a measuring tape to measure the dimensions in feet, and then calculate the area of each section to get the square footage. Add up all the sections and divide by 450 to get the number of pallets you will need.

11. What time of the year is the best time to plant my new sod?

Year round