

Hollandia

Sod Guide

Skill Level: 

Sod Supply List:	
Soil Test*	Shovel*
Gloves*	Sod*
Tiller or cultivator	Sprinkler*
Metal Rake*	Sharp Knife
Grading Rake*	Fertilizer*
Wheel Barrow*	Lime*
Soil*	

*Carried at one or both locations—call for availability.



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WATERING (remainder of growing season):

Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. It is best to water your sod less frequently with more water to promote deep root growth. Grass in need of water will have a grey-blue cast, instead of blue-green or green. If the sod has enough water, footprints will disappear within a few minutes.

MOWING & FERTILIZING:

1. Avoid heavy foot traffic and delay the first mowing until your new lawn's roots have firmly knit with the soil (~2-3 weeks). Thereafter, mow as needed, but *remove no more than 1/3 of the grass height.*
2. Apply a fertilizer (e.g. Milorganite) 4-6 weeks after sod installation.

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Adding sod to your yard is a great way to improve your home's curb appeal. Here are some tips from the Hollandia crew to get you started. Refer to the enclosed list for the supplies you'll need.



SOIL PREPARATION:

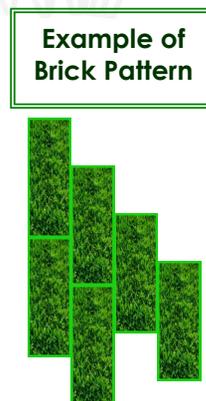
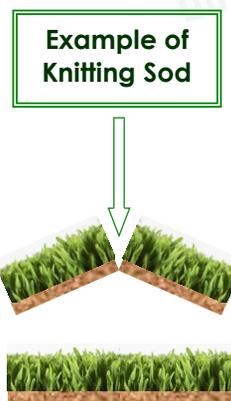
Start off on the right track by properly preparing your soil. It will be worth the effort!

1. Perform a **soil test** (*this is a critical 1st step*).
2. Cultivate area several inches deep.
3. Smooth soil with rakes and remove rocks and roots. Slope soil away from house and patios. Keep grade 1" below sidewalks and driveway.
4. Add lime and fertilizer per soil test results.

SOD INSTALLATION:

Be prepared to install your sod **upon delivery** (same day). On a hot day, protect delivered sod by placing rolls in the shade and cover with moist bur-lap. Do not stack rolls.

1. Begin laying sod along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk.
2. Place sod edges against each other tightly and **avoid** gaps, stretching or overlapping sod. This process is called *knitting* or *sewing* the sod. See example.
3. Stagger joints in "brick" pattern with each row. See example.
4. Use sharp knife to trim sod around corners, planting beds, etc. Avoid small strips on outer edges as they will not retain needed moisture. **TIP:** As you approach areas that will need trimming, continue laying **full sod rolls**. Cut the sod as needed after it has been placed according to the previous steps.
5. To limit air pockets and indentations, do not walk or kneel on sod during installation or just after watering.



WATERING (first few weeks):

Watering is critical for your sod's health. Here's what to do to make sure your sod doesn't get thirsty.

1. Saturate sod with water within 30 minutes of installation. The ground should be soft, but there should not be standing water.
2. Saturate sod twice daily *until sod is firmly rooted (~2 weeks)*.
 - Move sprinklers periodically to ensure all areas get watered. **Corners and edges are especially vulnerable.** Also, sod near driveways, sidewalks and buildings may dry out more quickly due to heat reflection.
 - Hot, dry, or windy weather may require increased watering amounts and times. For example, on hot days quench sod every 2 hours.
 - Water in the early morning when there is less wind and a lower temperature. Watering overnight is not recommended because damp grass blades increase the chance of disease.
 - Before sod "knits in" (i.e. roots), **verify water saturation by pulling back a corner of sod and inspecting the soil.**

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