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TREE & LANDSCAPE

Sod Care Guide for Homeowners

Congratulations on your new lawn! Proper watering is critical to ensure your sod establishes strong roots and thrives in our West Texas climate. Follow these guidelines for success:

Week-by-Week Watering Schedule

Weeks 1-2 (Critical Establishment Period)

Days 1–7: Water 3–4 times daily (early morning, midday, and afternoon) to keep sod and soil constantly moist. Avoid puddling.

Days 8–14: Reduce to 2 times daily (morning and late afternoon). Soil should remain damp 3–4 inches deep.

Weeks 3–4 (Root Development)

Water 1–2 times daily, transitioning to deeper, less frequent sessions. Aim for 1–1.5 inches of water per week.

Week 5+ (Maintenance Phase)

Water 2–3 times weekly.
Adjust based on rainfall and heat.

Rotor Sprinklers: Water 20–30 minutes per zone to penetrate deeper soil.

Traditional Spray Heads: Water 10–15 minutes per zone

Watering During Peak Summer Temperatures

- Increase watering frequency: Add 1–2 sessions weekly if sod shows stress (curling, browning).
- Check soil moisture: Insert a screwdriver—if it doesn't penetrate easily, water more.
- Avoid midday watering: Stick to early morning or evening to prevent scalding.

Dormant Season Care (Winter)

- Reduce watering: Switch to 1–2 times monthly if temperatures drop below 50°F.
- Monitor moisture: Ensure soil doesn't completely dry out. Water on warmer days (above freezing).
- Avoid frost watering: Ice can damage roots.