

## Caring For New Sod

### First two weeks:

- **You can not over water!** Sod must be kept moist. It is critical that you water throughout the day. A drip hose or sprinkler on a timer works well.
- Do not walk on new sod until after first mowing.
- First mowing is dependent upon the season and temperature and moisture. Generally you can mow about two weeks after installation. You can reduce the number of waterings a few days before mowing to firm up the sod.
- Mower should be set high; you should not mow off no more that one-third of the grass blade.

### Three to four weeks:

- **Water longer, but less often.** This type of watering promotes root growth by forcing roots to grow deeper into the soil.
- You can gently tug on turf to check rooting.
- After 3-4 weeks, fertilize the new sod. We recommend a balanced fertilizer.

### Common issues:

- Sod's edges are turning brown and/or gapping between rolls is occurring. **–This is due to lack of water! Increase amount and frequency of watering.**
- Mushrooms are not really a problem. After you decrease watering, they will disappear.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any problems or concerns.