
INSTALLING FRESH SOD

in Central Oregon

Please use the McPheeter's Turf Installation Guide.

The following are important points we feel will help you achieve success with your project:

Soil Prep: If you're going to amend your soil, which we highly recommend, soil conditioner/compost should be MIXED 50:50 into the soil with a rototiller or shovel at least 3 inches into the soil surface. Soil conditioner/compost will reduce your watering needs and provide extra nutrients. You can also add a pre-plant fertilizer to ensure proper root development. Remove all rocks and weeds from the soil surface. Level your amended area and thoroughly water to remove any air pockets.

Handling fresh sod: This is a perishable product, if you can't install it all in one day you must lay out the slabs. If left in on the pallet, heat will accumulate and the sod will not breathe, this results in a wilted product that may yellow and dry out after installation.

Installing fresh sod: If the soil is hot, sprinkle some cool water over it, and install your sod with staggered seams. If you are installing on a slope, lay sod along the contour line. Sod must make 100% contact with your soil, this can be insured by using a weighted roller. **After installing the sod and before watering, make sure to rake the blades of grass so they are facing upright and are NOT matted down.**

Watering fresh sod: After raking the sod's leaf blades upright, water your newly installed sod well. One inch of water every day for a week and one inch every other day for the next week. After that time, give the center of a slab a tug to see if has taken root. If it has taken root, water one inch every 2 to 3 days. If not, water every other day for one more week and check again.

McPheeter's Turf provides free watering gauges.



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