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# SOD CARE NOTICE

Project: 24-T16 Grant - Riverdale

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A construction project has recently taken place on your street. This results in the need for new sod to be installed on your property. For the first eight (8) weeks (60 days) after the sod is installed, the Contractor will water the sod on the following schedule:

- Week 1 – Daily
- Week 2 and 3 – Every Second Day
- Week 4 to 8 – Weekly

After the 60-day maintenance period is completed by the Contractor and the sod is accepted by the City, maintenance and care of the new sod becomes the sole responsibility of the Owner/Tenant.

For projects where sod is placed after October 31<sup>st</sup>, the maintenance process will take place the following spring. This will occur 60 days after the start of the growing season. At this point, the new sod becomes the sole responsibility of the Owner/Tenant.

For the new sod to thrive on your property the following is recommended:

- 1) **Foot Traffic** - Avoid stepping on the newly laid sod for the first two (2) weeks after it is installed. Also keep foot traffic light for the first month. The roots of your new sod are being established during this period. The roots can be affected by too much weight being placed on them.
- 2) **Watering** – Newly installed sod requires regular watering in addition to the watering provided by the Contractor. It is recommended that you water the sod for five (5) to ten (10) minutes, two (2) to three (3) times a day, for

the first two (2) weeks. Enough water should be provided to soak the first two (2) inches of soil. After this point, you can decrease the amount of watering to once a day, ensuring the top quarter inch of the soil is soaked. After three (3) weeks, watering can generally be reduced to every other day. After roughly a month, you can begin watering the sod once a week, as you would for an established lawn. Watering sod in the morning or evening allows for greater moisture absorption.

- 3) **Mowing** – You should not mow your sod for the first two (2) weeks or until it is 3.5 to 4 inches tall. Ensure your mower blades are sharp and avoid cutting it too short. Generally, a maximum of 1/3 of the grass blade height should be removed when mowing. Avoid cutting the grass when it is wet.
  
- 4) **Weed Removal** – 14 days after the sod is installed, weeds should be removed from the sod before mowing to stop them from spreading. It is recommended to remove weeds from the sod each time before mowing. Sod has shallow roots. Regular weed removal is important to stop weeds from spreading throughout the sod.
  
- 5) **Fertilization** – In the spring following the placement of sod, the Contractor will apply another application of fertilizer and an overseeing application. Following this, fertilization and seeding becomes the sole responsibility of the tenant/owner.

If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to the project team using the contact information provided below.

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