



## How to Water Your New Sod and/or Grass Seed

- For temperatures above 85°F increase frequency of watering not the length of the watering times
- During periods of cold weather (45°F and below) the watering cycle can be decreased to once a week or once every other week
- Water less than prescribed below when there are significant amounts of rainfall on the seed or sod
  - If there is excessive rainfall you may skip a watering cycle as long as the ground is sufficiently moist
- Touch the ground with your hands or bare feet to feel for excessive moisture and/or dry/hard ground
  - This is the best way to determine watering needs
    - If the ground is squishy, you sink in, or it splashes water and mud when patting your foot on the ground, don't water for that day.
    - If the ground is hard or dry to the touch, it can be watered
- The key to establishment is to keep the soil around the root system moist
- The best time of day to water is between 4-8 a.m. (this will minimize your chances for disease development in new sod) and it is the time of day when uptake of water and nutrients is most active

<b>Weeks Since Planted</b>	<b>Watering Schedule using a Hose</b>
1-2	Once daily (3-6 seconds) per sqft
3-6	3x/Week (3-6 seconds) per sqft
7-8	1x/Week (5-10 seconds) per sqft
<b>Weeks Since Planted</b>	<b>Using Irrigation System</b>
1-2	Daily watering at half of normal watering time (Twice daily during Summer heat)
3-8	3x/week (regular watering schedule)

*\* Continue watering as outlined for light rain events*

