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To help you maintain your new lawn we have provided some basic care instructions below. For additional information, call us anytime at 859-371-6340. Thanks for choosing Maddox Garden Center & Landscaping!

Basic SOD/Seeding Care Instructions

SOD Watering & Maintenance

- Ideal watering schedule
 - ½"-1" of water **EVERY OTHER** day until roots are established (3 weeks)
 - After established you can cut back watering- just making sure there is enough moisture during extended dry periods.
- Keep a close eye on areas near structures and driveways. These areas are more prone to problems due to extra heat and may require additional watering.
- Be mindful to prevent puddling and/or run-off.
- Moderate use of your new lawn is fine during the first few weeks following installation. It is strongly advised to do your best to avoid heavy or localized traffic in your new yard to prevent tracks and slipping.

SOD Mowing & Fertilization

- We recommend waiting 2-4 weeks after installation before mowing.
- Use caution to not mow new sod too low.
 - Aim to keep a grass height of 3"-3 ½" for the spring and fall and 3 ½"-4" in summer.
 - No more than 1/3 of grass height is recommended to be removed in a single mow as a rule.
 - Keep mowers blades sharp
 - Avoid mowing in wet conditions to prevent ruts or cause damage.
- If mowing produces clumps of clippings- remove these clumps to prevent damage to grass underneath.
- If any weeds happen to appear before fully established- pull by hand. Weed control products can be used after roughly 3 months.

Seed & Straw Care

- Our straw mats are bio-degradable, therefore there is no need to pull them up after grass starts to grow. However, if the mat starts to come up- it will also not hurt if you do want to take it up.
- New seed should receive approximately ½" water twice a week for first 3 weeks.
- Make sure to keep newly seeded area watered- keeping top 1" of soil moist, but not soggy.
- Wait to mow new lawn until new grass in a minimum of 3" tall.
- Always make sure mower blades are sharp and only cut in dry conditions.
- Minimize foot traffic if possible until seed fully germinates (approx. 3 weeks)
- New lawn fertilizer can be applied 2-4 weeks after seeding.
- Avoid pre-emergent herbicide for first 3-4 months.
- Avoid any weed control products until new lawn has been mowed 3-4 times.

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