

Sod Maintenance

Restoration of your property included the installation of sod and various plantings.

Sod is essentially already mature grass (lawn) that is placed in small squares or strips in a yard. This flyer was prepared to provide recommendation for the care and maintenance of your sod and answer questions you may have.

This flyer has been prepared to provide recommendations for the care and maintenance of your sod as well as recommendations for care and maintenance of your plantings.

When can I start mowing the lawn?

You may begin to cut the lawn as needed following notification from Corning Incorporated that maintenance of your lawn by Corning Incorporated's contractor is complete. At that time, the lawn should be fairly well rooted and able to withstand normal wear and tear. The optimum lawn height for sod is 3.5 inches.

How often should I water the lawn/plantings?

We suggest the lawn, shrubs, and trees be watered about two times per week and more regularly during period of extreme heat (daytime temperatures in excess of 90 degrees Fahrenheit).

When watering, you should apply about 1 inch of water each week. Therefore, if you water the lawn and plantings twice each week, you should apply approximately ½ inch of water each time. You can use a pie tin or similar container to measure how much water is being applied by placing it in the path of the sprinkler. Please note natural rainfall may provide some or all of the required water during the week.

We suggest that you try to avoid watering the lawn 24-36 hours before mowing.

Should I fertilize the lawn?

If you choose, you can apply a balanced turf fertilizer to established sod. We suggest a fertilizer that has a nutrient ratio of 3.75:0:1, which indicates the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) content.

If you are applying the product, follow the label instructions carefully. Further, it is recommended that the fertilizer be applied using a rotary spreader (versus a drop spreader). Be careful not to over apply fertilizer to your lawn – this can lead to “burn out” of the grass.

Finally, we suggest that you avoid applying herbicides during hot and dry weather. Rather, it is suggested that herbicides be applied in cooler weather.

Pets

If you have pets, we suggest you keep them off the sod to the maximum extent possible. Pet waste will negatively impact the health and aesthetics of the lawn. Regular pickup of pet droppings and watering of pet urination locations may aid in minimizing the damage to the sod.

Additional questions?

Thank you for allowing access for Corning Incorporated and its contractors to complete the remediation and restoration activities on your property. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the project toll free phone line or email address.

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