

### **Watering Schedule, Mowing & Maintenance**

The newly installed turf will need to be watered daily for the first week. During the second week every second day is usually sufficient. The quantity will depend on temperature, time of year, and soil conditions. The sod should not get so dry as to discolour or curl on edges, nor should it be so wet as to be under water or mushy for any length of time.

Your new **ZANDER SOD** should need mowing in 10-14 days. It is important not to let the grass plant get too long. When mowing never remove more than 1/3 of the plant. Ideal cutting height is 4 - 7 cm (1 3/4 - 2 1/2"). If using a gas powered mower, keep motor idling, the first time or two, so as not to pull turf up off the ground. **BE SURE THAT YOUR MOWER IS SHARP FOR A NICE CLEAN CUT.**

**ZANDER SOD** arrives on your site at optimum nutrient levels. A fertilizer program could be implemented 30-60 days after installation. Consult your local garden centre or lawn maintenance company for local recommendations.

If you wish to conduct a soil test please contact Zander Sod for a kit.

The best weed control is a dense healthy turf. Weeds simply have no place to get started.

If your previous lawn (or your neighbours) has had insect problems, monitor your turf carefully. Control measures may be necessary.

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# HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND INSTALL YOUR **ZANDER SOD**



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TURFGRASSES FOR OVER 50 YEARS



### Step 1:

Prepare the area to be sodded by working and loosening the top 10 - 15 cm of soil. Remove any debris and lumps. Analyze soil for consistency. Soil amendments, such as peat moss can be obtained from your local garden centre. Be sure that the grade has water running away from the buildings, towards ditches. If additional soil is needed, order a shredded sandy-loam from your local supplier.

### HINT:

*Lightly rolling the area will clearly show the grade (any depressions) and allow any corrections.*

### Step 2:

Apply a high phosphorous, slow release fertilizer, such as 8-32-16 at 4 kg per 100 sq.m. to ensure optimum fertility for the root zone.

### Step 3:

Rake in fertilizer to a depth of approximately 3 cm.

### Step 4:

Organize sufficient irrigation equipment so that you will be able to water immediately as you install.

### Step 5:

Measure area to be sodded and order top quality **ZANDER SOD**. A live plant carpet, grown from a custom blend Kentucky Bluegrass cultivar mix, which has taken approximately 1 ½ - 2 years to grow.

### Step 6:

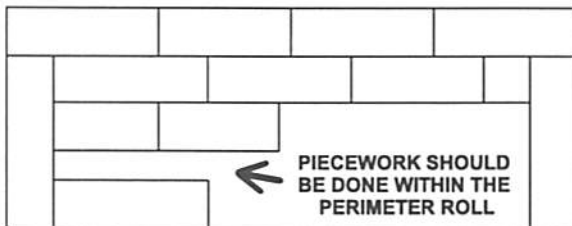
Water prepared area lightly to settle soil and provide a moist base for turf. This will also cool the soil reducing stress on the roots of the fresh sod. (Most important during hot summer days.)

### Step 7:

Install turf immediately after delivery. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL THE SOD BE UNROLLED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF HARVEST.**

### Step 8:

Begin unrolling turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk, butting all joints tightly together without overlapping. Raking ahead may be necessary to remove tractor and foot marks. Next continue to lay sod along perimeter of either end. Then lay sod in brick-work fashion. See diagram:



As you complete one area, **start watering immediately (within 15 minutes)**. This will minimize the stress on the thousands of turfgrass plants. Apply at least 2 - 3 cm (1 inch) of water using a sprinkler for even distribution (enough that when a corner of an installed roll is lifted moisture has soaked through the roots and is being absorbed by the top 1" - 2" of topsoil).

### HINT:

*Edges along asphalt and concrete, as well as areas on top of embankments and mounds, will require more water.*

### Step 9:

Within 48 hours of installing the turf, roll the entire area to improve root/soil contact and to remove air pockets. The ideal time for this procedure is while the turf is moist yet the ground not so soft as to leave footprints.

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