



# Zoysia Care Guide

## NEW SOD WATERING

Your sod is establishing a root system for the first 10-14 days. It's important to water turf immediately upon installation, and you can even water it while you are laying it. Apply 1/2 in - 1 inch water daily, so that the soil underneath the turf is very wet. Soil 3-4 inches deep should be damp (you can lift up the sod piece to test this). For the first 2 weeks, keep the turf and the soil below it moist with daily watering. Water is critically important, but be sure to water in the first half of the day - no need to water at night.

## MOWING

Mow weekly to a height of 1/2 inch at the lowest, to 2 inches at the absolute highest. This is not Fescue! Zoysia is **not designed** to grow as tall as Fescue in the 3 inch range. Mow frequently, every 3-6 days for a more dense look to your lawn with no bare spots. Remove excess clippings. For best results, mow only the top 1/3 of the leaf blade at one time.

## WEED CONTROL

- EARLY SPRING: Pre-Emergent for grassy weeds
- SPRING: Post-Emergent for broadleaf weeds
- MID SUMMER: Post-Emergent for broadleaf
- Fall: Pre-Emergent for grassy weeds

## FERTILIZER

NO STARTER FERTILIZER needed! Our sod comes fully loaded with this farm's fertilizer treatments. Adding additional fertilizer now can overwhelm your grass and put it into stress. Instead, wait 2-3 weeks after install before you fertilize. Provide nutrients with annual fertilizer in a 16-4-8 ratio applied at a rate of 5-10 lbs per 1000 square feet. For additional density or color, apply every 4-6 weeks. One of our favorite slow-release Nitrogen fertilizers is *Milorganite*.

1/3 Rule to Mowing



# 2WKS

TIME YOU SHOULD SPEND WATERING DAILY TO ENCOURAGE ROOT ESTABLISHMENT

# 1IN

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL OR WATERING RECOMMENDED PER WEEK

# 4-6HRS

DIRECT SUNLIGHT REQUIRED FOR HEALTHY, HAPPY ZOYSIA