

CARE TIPS

FACT: The credit for a thriving, lush, beautiful, well manicured lawn goes to the homeowner, not to the installer.

We at BIL-MAR Sprinklers TOMA TURF take great pride in delivering the finest job possible. We use only the finest materials and have over 35+ years experience in and knowledge of the turf and irrigation industry. You need to know that, after we complete your new installation, it is then your responsibility to take proper care of your lawn.

WATERING: Daily first 2 weeks, early morning hours. After 2 weeks, water 3 days per week. After 1 month, once per week should suffice. However, raise run time per station to allow deep watering. Note: In cooler months reduce watering by 50%. Sprinklers are only a supplement to natural rainfall. In dry weather, it may be necessary to hand water dry areas.

INSECTS: New sod is more susceptible to insect damage than established lawns. Most prevalent will be Sod Webworms and Armyworms. Chinch bugs are also active. Watch for small moths flying out of the lawn, especially at dawn or dusk. Apply insecticides immediately, either granular or liquid. Insecticide is usually needed monthly during warm summer months.

SHADE: Areas receiving little or no sunshine will gradually die. Do not overwater the shaded areas and, most important, keep trees or large shrubs properly trimmed or thinned to allow sunshine to pass through.

FERTILIZING: Lawns should receive 3 to 4 feedings per year. We recommend a 16-4-8 granular fertilizer. Do not fertilize during summer months as this causes “surge growth” which attracts insects.

MOWING: Wait 2 weeks before first cutting. Set mower to cut 3 to 4 inches. **BLADES MUST BE SHARP.** Try to catch clipping for first 2 mowings. It is not necessary to catch clippings after the lawn is established. Do not allow grass to grow above 5 inches as this blocks water spraying out from sprinklers and will cause dry areas. Keep grass cleared around sprinkler heads.

We recommend using a licensed pest control service immediately after new lawn installation. If you do your own pest control, you may find it helpful to contact the local cooperative extension service hotline at (727) 582-2110. They can suggest the proper fertilizers, insecticides and disease control for each grass variety.

Most importantly, keep a watchful eye on your newly installed lawn. The lawn usually takes about 2 weeks to root in and until then will show some stress. If in doubt about your lawn’s progress, contact your pest control company immediately.