

DASH ACRES TURF FARM

Turf Maintenance Guide

Your farm-fresh sod blend (60 percent perennial rye | 30 percent fine fescue | 10 percent bluegrass) is built for rapid root establishment and lush, uniform coverage. Follow these steps for a thriving lawn.

1. Site Preparation

- Clear grass, weeds, rocks and debris
- Grade soil so water drains away from buildings
- Loosen the top 4 to 6 inches of soil with a rototiller or garden fork
- Rake smooth then firm gently by walking over it in a grid pattern

2. Delivery & Handling

- Schedule pickup or delivery on install day—sod is freshest within hours of harvest
- Keep pallets shaded if they sit more than 30 minutes
- Each roll weighs about 25 to 28 pounds; two people can carry one comfortably
- Unroll turf within 2 hours to prevent heat stress and drying

3. Laying the Sod

- Start along a straight edge (driveway or sidewalk) and unroll the first row tightly
- Stagger end seams in a brick-work pattern for stability
- Butt seams snugly with no gaps larger than ¼ inch
- Trim excess with a sharp knife or sod cutter
- Lightly roll the entire area with a half-filled water roller

4. Initial Watering

- Water thoroughly within 30 minutes of rolling so turf bonds with soil
- Aim for one inch of water per day in two to three short sessions during week one
- We recommend staying off the sod for the first 2 weeks

5. Establishment Watering

- In week two you can taper to watering every other day if the lawn is holding moisture well
- Continue monitoring rainfall and adjust to avoid over-watering

6. **First Mow & Ongoing Care**

- Mow 2 to 3 weeks after install once roots hold in place
- Only cut the top third of the blade each time
- Fertilize every 3 to 4 weeks with a balanced turf fertilizer
- Clear clumps and leaves promptly to prevent thatch build-up

7. **Seasonal Maintenance**

- **Fall** Apply a slow-release fertilizer and lime around mid to late November
- **Spring** When nights stay above 10 °C, feed with an 18-18-18 mix and overseed thin spots with perennial rye

For questions or extra guidance call Michelle or Dave at (250) 753 2157.

Welcome to the Dash Acres family!