

# Watering Your New Sod

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: It is the RESPONSIBILITY of the HOMEOWNER to change the watering schedule for new Sod \*\*\***

## **Watering Weeks 1 & 2 after Sod Installation**    Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

- 💧 During installation of the irrigation system, Alternate Rain will set (2) daily start times in the sprinkler clock: 6 am and 4 pm
- 💧 After the sod has been installed, confirm that the dial on the sprinkler clock has been turned to "Auto." This will turn on the sprinkler system. The system will need to run at this setting for the first (2) weeks after the sod has been laid.
- 💧 This watering schedule will ensure the new sod has been continuously wet and allow the sod to start to root into the soil.

## **Watering Weeks 3 & 4 after Sod Installation**    Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

- 💧 After the first two weeks of sod installation and watering, adjust the sprinkler clock so the system will only water (1) time per day at 6 am. To do this follow these (4) simple steps:
  - Go to the sprinkler clock located in the garage and open the front panel door
  - Turn the dial to "Start Times"
  - The LCD screen will show "1<sup>st</sup>" and will show a start time of 6 am. Push the arrow that points to the right located below the LCD screen. The screen should now show "2<sup>nd</sup>" and a start time of 4 pm.
  - Shut off the 2<sup>nd</sup> start time at 4 pm by pushing the plus button until the time hits midnight and the LCD screen will show "2<sup>nd</sup>" and "OFF".
- 💧 Return dial to "Auto." Your sprinkler clock is now set to only run one time per day at 6 am.

**Do NOT adjust the "Run Times" which are set at the time of Installation for adequate watering per zone.**

## **Watering after Week 4 and Beyond**    Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

- 💧 After the (4) week watering schedule, your sod should now be rooted into the soil. Adjustments can be made to the watering schedule to accommodate for the seasons. Below are the recommended number of days per week to water at the 6 am start time, given the season. Our website has a "How To Program your Sprinkler Clock" video online if you have questions.
  - **Spring Watering**
    - 3 days per week of watering
    - Any more than (3) days will cause over saturation and could waste up to 1,800 gallons of water for every watering cycle
  - **Summer Watering**
    - 4-5 days per week of watering
    - Any more than 4-5 days of watering in the summertime can cause over saturation and fungus to grow in parts of the lawn
  - **Fall Watering**
    - 2-3 days per week of watering
    - The cool temperatures during the fall season allow the lawns to stay moist and not dry out
    - Any more than 2-3 days will cause over saturation and could waste up to 1,800 gallons of water for every watering cycle.

**Winterization: All Sprinklers Systems MUST be winterized prior to below freezing temperatures.**

Alternate Rain installs self-draining systems which allows the Homeowner to winterize their own system. Significant changes to your sprinkler system may alter your system from being "self-draining."



For more information on our Sprinkler Systems, Start-up Services, Winterizations and Repair Services please scan the QR Code and/or visit our website: [www.alternaterain.com/info](http://www.alternaterain.com/info)  
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