

# Instructions for Watering Sod

**Important Info:** From day two on, keep your sod and soil moist throughout the day. The roots are short so the sod cannot withstand large amounts of water at a single time. Other than the first day, the ground under the sod should never be soggy. The first mowing should be approximately 14 days after the sod has been installed.

**Week 1:** Controller will be set with **three watering start times per day** for new sod. This will be at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. You will want to water three times per day for one week. Rotor zones will be set to run 40 minutes and mister zones will be set to run 20 minutes. Closely watch your sod. If you see it is dry or turning gray, adjust your heads or call Eco Systems Irrigation.

**Week 2:** Set controller to **one watering per day** at 6:00 am. You can do this by turning the dial to “Start Times,” turning start times 2 and 3 to OFF, leaving only one start time. Keep the rotor zones set at 40 minutes and the mister zones at 20 minutes. Keep a close eye on your sod to make sure it does not get too dry during these times. If it is very hot or windy, you will need to add another watering.

**Week 3:** Set controller to only water **once a day every other day**. This can be set by turning the dial to “Water Days.”

**After Week 3:** Many customers like to water 2 to 3 days a week. During these waterings, rotor zones will run for 30 minutes and mister zones will run for 15 minutes. Keep a close eye on your sod to make sure it does not get too dry during these times. If it is very hot or windy, you will need to add another watering.

**Winterization:** Make sure you get your sprinkler system winterized or damage will occur. It is the customer’s responsibility to winterize their sprinkler system or call Eco Systems Irrigation to do so. Monitor sump lines so basement flooding or sump line failure does not happen.



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