



## Caring for your new Briarcliff Sod Lawn

**Watering:** Give your new lawn at least 1 inch of water within 1/2 hour of installation. Water Daily, or more often, keeping turf moist until it is firmly rooted (about 2 weeks). Then less frequent and deeper waterings should begin. Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods. Water areas near buildings more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

**Caution:** During the first 3 weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn. This gives the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil, and insures that the turf will remain smooth and level.

**Maintenance:** Your new sod lawn increases your property value significantly. With proper care, it will remain a great asset, providing beauty, a clean playing surface, and an improved environment. Mow often, generally removing no more than 1/3 of the grass height at a mowing. Keep your mower blades sharp. Fertilizer and chemical applications will depend on climate, sod type, soil, insects, weed and disease conditions. Your new Briarcliff Sod lawn will require less inputs providing a denser, darker, and dwarfer turf.

**Once Established:** After approximately 90 days your new sod is finally becoming acclimated to its new home. Your cultural practices for established turf are now different from the ones you used during the Grow-In period:

- Reduce your watering times and reset your irrigation system for a maintenance type of setting.
- Begin a regularly scheduled fertility program, keep in mind your new Briarcliff Sod lawn will require less inputs such as fertilizer and water to maintain its natural beauty.
- Begin a standardized mowing pattern, only removing 1/3 of the leaf blade per mowing. Again, your Briarcliff Sod lawn will require less mowing.