

Sod Watering Guide

**Existing Lawn**

**Watering Established Marathon Sod.**

After your lawn has become established (approximately 6 to 8 weeks), water according to the following guidelines:

1. Water as infrequently as possible (once or twice a week in the cooler months, three or more times per week in the warmer months).
2. Water for as long as possible to get deep soil penetration (up to 30 minutes). It may be necessary to cycle irrigate if runoff occurs after just a short time. To cycle irrigate, water until runoff occurs, then stop and wait for the water to penetrate (usually 1 to 2 hours), then repeat.
3. Water as early as possible - first thing in the morning. **Do not water between 4 pm and 4 am.**
4. Do not water areas in the shade as frequently as the areas of your lawn that receive full sun.

*Be sure to watch for a blue-gray tint and limp areas in your lawn. This is not a fungus. It is caused by dehydration and is an indication that immediate watering is needed. This will usually occur on tops of mounds, or areas where sprinkler coverage is not adequate. (It is acceptable to water in full sun; it will not burn the blades.)*