

## Care Instructions for Zoysia Lawns

### Watering:

- When temperatures are **above 80 degrees** water within 1 hour of installing the first piece of sod.
- Water newly installed sod for 1 hour and monitor the soil everyday to ensure that the soil is saturated to a depth of 1 inch.
- For the first 2 weeks water twice a day in early morning and in the afternoon.
- **Avoid watering late in the evening or overnight to prevent fungal growth.**
- **If temperatures are cooler watering once a day is sufficient**
- Every yard is different, it is up to you to determine the correct watering times that will adequately irrigate your lawn.

### Mowing:

- The first mowing of the new sod should be within the first 2 weeks. Pull up on a corner of the piece of sod, if there is resistance from the newly developed roots then it is ready to be mowed.
- Zoysia likes to be maintained between 1 ½" – 2" and should be mowed every 5 days.
- Due to the density of the turf, Zoysia performs best when the clippings from mowing are bagged or raked after each mowing.

### Fertilization:

- Upon installation, apply a starter fertilizer to help promote root growth and establishment.
- Do not fertilize between September 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> .
- Fertilize 3 times throughout the summer every 2 months.

\*\* Overwatering and incorrect watering can lead to fungal outbreak and / or insect infestation. If issues arise, do not hesitate to send pictures to the office via email or text message for help diagnosing any problems that have arisen. \*\*