

Sodding and Lawns

For the Do-it-yourselfer, Sydney Landscaping & Nurseries Ltd. sells Kentucky Blue nursery sod. The seed blend we use is a mixed variety of Kentucky Bluegrass species purchased from Canada's leading seed suppliers.

Please use the sod calculator to figure out how much square feet you may need. Allow a few extra for odd angles or odd shaped areas. You can pick your sod up or have us deliver it. For smaller quantities we deliver on light trucks and unpack your sod by hand at your location. For larger quantities, we provide a truck mounted forklift. Your sods will be packed on pallets (normally 450 sq. ft. per pallet), and we can spot them where you want on your property. This will save you time and energy.

Give us a call and we can quote you over the phone, and tell you when they will be ready for pick up or estimate a delivery time (often same day). Our locally grown nursery sod is cut fresh daily to order at our farms in Portage and Northside East Bay. Sodding results are best when they are cut and laid in one or two days. Buy local! Buy fresh! Call us today at 902-564-9910.

Of course, if you are too busy or not interested in installing a lawn yourself, and it is hard work, allow the professionals at Sydney Landscaping and Nurseries Ltd. to complete the job for you. For big or small projects involving topsoil supply and installation, and sod supply and installation, call us for a free estimate. Our estimator will come to your home, listen to what you have in mind, perhaps offer up some suggestions, and often do up a quote on the spot.

Care and Laying Tips for Your New Sod

Order your sod for delivery when you think your topsoil area will be spread and levelled. Remember, you should have 4" to 6" of good quality topsoil under your sod to sustain a healthy lawn for years to come. They should be laid as soon as possible on delivery for best results. Sod is a living plant

So your sod has arrived at your property. What's next? It is recommended to fertilize the entire area after final levelling. We use a 12-24-24 ratio. Start laying sod along a straight line such as a walkway or driveway. If your area is irregular, run a string, and lay the sod along this. The idea is to get all the joints tight together. Stagger the ends as you would if you were laying brick. The edges of the sod dry out first. Use a full sod to edge out the perimeter. When you come to an end of a row, overlay the sod and cut it with a sharp knife or sharp hatchet. Safety first.....wear gloves. When you are finished installation, clean up the pieces and roll the area to get good sod to soil contact. Start watering as soon as possible. Water thoroughly (through sod and into soil) and regularly for the first week or two. Sod drying out is the main cause of failure. Early morning watering is best.

Mowing

After the sod is down and watered properly for about 2 weeks, you will need to mow. A common mistake for homeowners is to cut their grass too short, and to cut too much of the grass blade off at one time. We recommend cutting at a 3" height. Cutting grass is stressful for the grass. Follow the 1/3rd rule. Never cut away more than 1/3 of the grass blade in any one mowing. If the grass gets ahead of you, move the cutting height of your mower up, and mow. Then after 3 or 4 days, mow again at your normal setting. Mow often, and mow high.