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Dear Customer:

We at Westlake SOD LLC are extending our thanks to you, for choosing us for your sod.

The Kentucky Blue Blend, Class A sod that we have selected for your lawn does require routine care to maintain its lush beauty. You should have a healthy lawn for years to come by maintaining the proper water and fertilizer program we recommend.

### WATER

Water sod 3 times a day for the first 14 days (which is the crucial rooting period). Set sprinklers around 9 am, Noon, 3pm, for 15 to 20 minutes depending on the heat.

Heavy rainfall will reduce your need to water as frequently. Soil should be kept moist to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. Do not water late at night. As the roots grow deeper in the ground, (1 1/2 to 2 inches), watering can be tapered off but not stopped.

### CUTTING

Try to stay off your lawn for the first couple of weeks or until sod is firmly rooted. (Due to moisture content in soil, you may leave footprints, which may have to be rolled out, or seams may not adhere properly, if walked on prematurely). Lawn can be cut after rooting period has taken place, approximately 10 to 14 days.

Make sure to cut watering down enough to cut lawn, so you are able to walk on it and not make footprints, but be careful not to let it burn up.

Mow with a sharp blade, cutting no more than 1/3 of a blade at a time. Cutting a second time( on first cut only), may be needed. Kentucky Blue Grass should be left fairly long- about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in height. Late afternoon or early evening cutting is usually best for a new lawn, (gives the lawn less chance to burn after cutting).

There is no need to rake if you have a mulching mower, unless clippings are excessive enough to make clumps (which in time will kill grass underneath, if left in place).

Rule of thumb: Mow new sod for the first time, when the blades of grass are about 40 to 50 percent greater than the regular cutting height.

### FERTILIZER

Fertilize your lawn about 2 weeks after installation, which would be about the same time you cut. Use 12-12-12 fertilizers. Apply evenly, with spreader on light setting to a dry lawn.

Use a 50# bag per 500 sq. yards. It is best to divide your fertilizer in half. Spread the first half in one direction and the second half at a right angle to this. This will ensure an even application. If using any other formula, always consult the directions on your fertilizer bag. If your still not confident about fertilization, have a professional company come out.

### UPKEEP - 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR AND THEREAFTER

5 fertilizer applications per year. Use: 12-12-12, 16-8-8, or 16-16-16. Easiest way to remember application dates is by the holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day and final application at Thanksgiving.

If you have any other questions please call us, we will give you the best advice we can.

**THANK YOU AGAIN**

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