



City of Edina

Construction Update No. 3A Minnehaha Woods Neighborhood Roadway Improvements City of Edina Contract No. ENG 11-5

November 1, 2011

This update is for homeowners in Stage 2 only.

Sod Care

When new sod is installed in front of your home, begin watering it immediately. The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand hot weather and periods of little or no rain. The contractor will water the sod on an as needed basis using a water truck for a period of up to 6 weeks or until November 1. Since the 6-week watering period did not conclude before November 1 in Stage 2, the remainder of the 6-weeks will carry over to April 15 of next year. After that, it will be **entirely up to you** to water the new sod. Your efforts, when combined with the contractors', will help the sod look its best.

Do not mow the new sod until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted or it "roots down" and you are **unable** to easily lift the sod from the soil. Then set the mower deck at the **highest setting** and cut the new sod at this setting for the remainder of the year.

Do **not** fertilize your new sod until next spring after it has been mowed for the first time. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod. It was fertilized at the farm where it was grown. The sod will brown for the winter and green again in the spring when it receives moisture from the snowmelt. **Because it takes about three years for new sod to mature, you must continue to water your sod as described in this update for the next several growing seasons.** If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Sincerely

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