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Oscar Roberts Neighborhood Reconstruction

Dear Resident,

Crews are nearing completion of the restoration phase of the project. The new sod has been placed and is currently under warranty.

If you live where new sod was recently installed in front of your home, please 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 the 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 6 weeks. Your efforts, when combined with the contractor's, will help the sod look its best. After 6 weeks, it will be entirely up to you to water the new sod!

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. **If you have a lawn service, please pass this information on to them.**

Do not fertilize your new sod until next spring. 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.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached in the office at 952-826-0444 or akuznia@ci.edina.mn.us

The City of Edina and Northwest Asphalt, Inc. would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during this project.

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