

St. Augustine Sod Care Sheet

Description

- St. Augustine Sod is a warm season, low maintenance grass.
- St. Augustine Sod is native to the South East.
- St. Augustine Sod grows well in full sun and partial shade. A minimum of 3-4 hours of sun light a day is recommended.
- St. Augustine Sod does well in high temperatures as long as it has adequate water and during cooler temperatures it will go dormant.
- St. Augustine Sod is sensitive to drought, unlike Centipede repairs quickly from wear or scalping. It also handles routine wear well.
- St. Augustine Sod has a quick growth pattern if bare spots occur it will send out runners to fill in the gaps.

Watering

- New sod should be watered at least every day until the grass has taken root. This can be determined by pulling on the grass. If it does not pull from the ground it has rooted. This generally takes two weeks. If you are watering dormant sod installed during winter once the grass starts to green begin watering every day for two weeks or until the sod is rooted.
- Once St. Augustine Sod is rooted it should receive approximately 1 inch of water a week.
- Be careful not to over water as more damage is done by over watering than by under watering.
- We recommend watering in the cooler morning hours because there is less evaporation.
- Watering will vary for each lawn due to amount of sunlight, soil conditions and weather conditions.

Fertilizing & Weed Control

- St. Augustine Sod should be fertilized 3 times a year. Once in the spring, early summer and early fall. In the spring we recommend 10-10-10. In the early Summer a 5-10-15 + iron is recommended. For the fall another dose of 10-10-10.
- In the spring a broad leaf herbicide designed for pre emergent is recommended. In the early spring weeds certain weeds will attempt to take control of a lawn by out growing the grass. If these weeds can be controlled until the grass starts to grow, the sod will choke out the weeds. During the summer spot spraying for weeds as they appear in the yard is most appropriate. During the fall when the grass starts to slow its growth weeds tend to try to take control again, we recommend using another dose of the broad leaf pre-emergent.

Maintenance

- A healthy, beautiful lawn should be mowed often.
- No more than 1/3 of the blade height should be removed at each cutting. A 2 inch blade height is recommended for Centipede Sod
- Sharp mower blades are encouraged for a precise clean cut each time.