



2020 MILL & OVERLAY PROJECT

TO: Residents on **Elm Street** (Project Area 20-13)
FROM: Dan Holzemer, Senior Engineering Tech
DATE: August 26, 2020
SUBJECT: **Sod Warranty Expires on Friday, August 28th**

This letter is to remind you of the City's sod warranty policy on construction projects. The warranty states that the contractor is responsible for maintaining the sod during the first 30 days. The warranty of the sod consists of a 30-day growing period which will **EXPIRE ON Friday, August 28th**. **After that date, the contractor is no longer responsible for the sod.**

Beginning August 29th, the care of the sod will be the responsibility of the homeowners. If you notice any problems or hot spots with your sod, please notify our office at (651) 429-8531 **BY** Friday, August 28th so we can inspect your sod and determine if there are any sod issues that need to be resolved by the contractor. We will accept voicemail messages left by the end of the day on Friday.

INSTRUCTIONS

Mowing

- Do NOT mow the new sod for at least two weeks, and then not until the roots are established. Test for established roots by attempting to pull up an edge of sod. If the sod edge does not come up, the roots have taken hold.
- After the roots are established, cut your new sod at the HIGHEST setting on your mower for the rest of this growing season. **The contractor will not replace the sod that is damaged by residents mowing too soon or excessively short.** If you question whether or not to mow, please err on the side of caution and wait.
- The grass can gradually be cut to the desired length, but not until next spring. Mowing grass to a height of 3+ inches and not removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time results in a healthier lawn with a more robust root system.

Watering

- New sod requires 1 to 2 inches of water a week. The contractor will water the sod for **30 days after installation**. However, if you notice your sod drying out, we ask that you please take the time to water it. Remember to comply with the City's irrigation ban (irrigation using the City's water supply is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through September 30th).
- Once the roots are established, one inch of water per week (including rainfall) should be enough to keep your lawn healthy.

Note: Fertilizing your new sod should not be necessary until next spring.