



2018 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

TO: Residents on Old White Bear Avenue
FROM: Nate Christensen, Project Engineer
DATE: July 25, 2018
SUBJECT: Sod Warranty Expires on Friday, August 3rd

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 3rd. After that date, the contractor is no longer responsible for the sod.**

Beginning August 3rd, 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 3rd so we can inspect your sod and determine if there are any sod issues that need to be resolved by the contractor.

QUICK TIPS FOR CARING FOR NEW SOD

Help maintain your new sod by following these simple guidelines:

- New sod requires 1 to 2 inches of water a week for the roots to take hold. The contractor will water the sod and is responsible for the sod warranty **for 30 days after installation**. However, if the weather turns dry or 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 (see below).
- After the contractor's 30 day warranty, the sod becomes the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Test for established roots by attempting to pull up an edge of the sod. If it pulls up easily, give it more time and continue watering one to two inches per week. If the sod edge does not come up, the roots have taken hold.
- Once the roots are established, water about one inch per week, which is the minimum amount needed to keep a lawn healthy and thriving.
- Do **NOT** mow the new sod for at least two weeks, and then not until the roots are established.
- After the roots are established, cut it at the **HIGHEST** setting on your mower throughout this growing season. The grass can then gradually be cut to the desired length, but not until next spring. **The contractor will not replace 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.
- Fertilizing should not be necessary until next spring. Helping provide the water and care your sod needs will reduce time and money spent to replace dead sod.
- Lawn irrigation using the City's water supply is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM through September 30th.