

Sod Laying Instructions

Step 1



Remove the old lawn and/or weeds, if any exist. One removal tactic is digging them out with a flat-bladed shovel (make sure you get the roots).

Step 2



Break up the compacted soil with a tiller, which can be rented from your local rental center.

Step 3



Arnts recommends using two inches of Screened Topsoil . Using the tiller, till the new soil into your existing soil. It may seem like a lot of hard labour, but good soil preparation is key to success in laying sod!

Step 4



Rake the soil to begin to level it out, remove any rocks or debris that you find. To avoid problems with excess run-off, make sure that any site grading you do allows water to flow *away* from the house. Now, use a lawn roller filled 1/3rd full of water over the area to firm and settle the surface, and reveal any areas which may require more soil.

Step 5



Start laying your sod! Begin on the outer edges, unrolling a roll of sod on the far left-hand side, then another on the far right-hand side (or vice versa). After laying these two rolls, work your way in towards the center with subsequent strips.

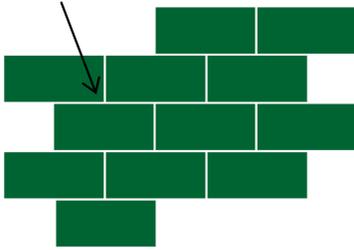
Step 6



A single roll of sod may not be long enough to cover the whole length of the lawn. This means you'll have to lay separate rolls, end to end, pressing the ends firmly together so that they abut tightly, but without overlapping.

Step 7

Proper Pattern for Laying Sod



Make sure you stagger the ends of the sod rolls, so the seams don't line up.

Step 8



If a strip of sod appears too low, use some topsoil to bring it up to the proper level.

Step 9



Once finished laying the sod - it's time to use the roller again! Push it over the sod and press it down firmly against the soil. This removes air pockets, promoting good contact with the soil, allowing your sod's roots to go to work immediately.

Step 10



For a strict two weeks after laying the sod, remember to water *faithfully* every day. Also, avoid any heavy or concentrated use on your freshly laid sod.