



City of Edina

## Construction Update No. 5B

### St. John's Park Neighborhood Improvement Project

City of Edina Contract No. ENG 09-11

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This update is for homeowners in Phase 1 only.

#### Sod Care

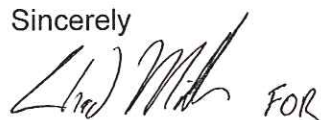
When new sod is installed in front of your home, begin watering it **immediately!** The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

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 contractors', 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.

**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.

Sincerely



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