

## Laying Sod

Compared to growing a lawn from scratch, buying sod seems easy. But sod is not without its pitfalls. To get golfing-green smoothness, you need to place the sod down correctly. Follow these steps to make your lawn look great:

- Step 1: Make sure the soil is level. Start laying your sod along walkways, sidewalks and driveways near your house. This provides a straight edge, and keeps any patchwork you might have to do at the end furthest from the house.
- Step 2: As with brick laying, alternate between full and half-pieces of sod at the beginning of each row to avoid creating unsightly “seams.”
- Step 3: To join sections, butt the ends of the pieces up against each other, rather than overlapping, leaving a gap or stretching one piece, all of which will later lead to blemishes.
- Step 4: On inclines, keep the sod in place with wooden or biodegradable pegs until it develops roots.
- Step 5: Using a lawn roller, firmly go over the sod after laying it down. This flattens out air pockets and makes sure the sod takes hold.
- Step 6: Be sure to water the sod routinely with a sprinkler. This will help make your yard look great in season and out.

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### What you'll need:

- Sod
- Wooden or biodegradable pegs
- Lawn roller
- Sprinkler hose