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## Lurvey Select<sup>®</sup> Bluegrass Sod

**Lurvey Select<sup>®</sup> Bluegrass Sod** is the very best available, typically reserved for sale to the trade only. It's locally grown at our farm using our own blend of elite varieties of Kentucky Bluegrass seed in rich, silty clay loam soil compatible with Chicagoland soil conditions and then harvested fresh daily using state-of-the-art equipment for uniform width and thickness, consistently producing a high quality, high performing product.

### **Here are some considerations when installing your new sod:**

For best results, prepare your soil by rototilling or spading the area to a depth of 4" - 6". We recommend rototilling sphagnum peat moss and a light starter fertilizer into the soil as well. Rake and smooth the soil removing rocks, roots, and larger clumps of soil. Be certain to address drainage problems by having your soil slope away from foundations, etc. Keep your grade at about 1 inch below sidewalks, patios, and driveways. Water the prepared area to settle soil. (Because top soil is generally not sterile, ideally allow 7-10 days to pass so any disturbed weed seeds may germinate, apply a non-selective herbicide such as Round-up or Finale to the new emerged weeds, and wait for 5-7 days.)

Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Sod is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture to survive. When installing your sod, avoid gaps by pushing ends and edges against each other tightly, without stretching. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion. Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges as they will not retain moisture. To avoid causing indentations, avoid walking or kneeling on the sod while it is being installed or just after watering. After installing, roll the entire area to improve sod to soil contact and to remove air pockets.

Give your new sod at least 1" of water within an hour of installation. Water daily, or more often, keeping turf moist until it is firmly rooted (2-3 weeks). Water deeply, the soil should be moist 3 - 4" below the sod. Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Remember that wind, in addition to heat will cause moisture loss. Mow your new sod at a high setting for the first couple mowings after your sod has rooted. Maintain a healthy lawn with a proper maintenance and fertilization schedule.