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The following guidelines will help you get your fescue sod established.

1. **Preparation.** In order to achieve a smooth and lush lawn the sod needs good soil contact. This means that any weeds, grass, or other debris needs to be removed prior to installing the sod. This is also the time when any holes or low spots should be filled with top soil. It is best to have prep work done prior to purchasing the sod. Sod needs to be laid with 24-48 hours of being cut for best results. Apply a starter fertilizer such as Ferti-lome New Lawn Starter to the bare ground. This will help the sod establish maximum roots.
2. **Lay the sod.** Just start at one corner of the area to be sodded and start unrolling. If on a steep incline, weed barrier staples may help to hold the sod in place. If a roll of sod is too long or needs to be trimmed to fit around a space, simply use a sharp shovel blade to slice through the sod. Do not try to stretch the sod to cover an area. This will lead to bald spots and uneven surfaces.
3. **Water, water, water.** Newly laid sod needs immediate moisture. Initially the ground needs to be kept wet. Water slowly to ensure a good watering. The top 3-4" of the soil should be moist. This may require 2-3 waterings per day. After you can no longer pull up the sod, reduce the frequency but, increase the amount of water you are applying. You will eventually work up to watering one to two times per week for 30 minutes to an hour. In the summer, the lawn needs on average 1-1 ½" of water per week.
4. **Mowing.** You are not doing the lawn a favor by waiting until it gets very tall to mow. A healthy lawn should be maintained at a height of 2 ½" to 3". Make sure the mower blades are sharp so they cut and do not tear the grass.
5. **Fertilizing.** When the sod was laid, Ferti-lome New Lawn Starter was used. After that establishing a routine lawn care maintenance program will help you achieve a healthy and beautiful looking yard. Starting as early as March, a crabgrass pre-emergent can be applied such as Ferti-lome For All Seasons. Ferti-lome Weed Out can be applied in April to take care of dandelions and other weeds. Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone is applied in June for grub control. Most of the fertilizing takes place in the fall. Applying Ferti-lome Green Maker around Labor Day, Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone around Halloween, and Ferti-lome Winterizer around Thanksgiving. This will encourage a strong root system and lush green grass in the fall and next spring.

This is a quick guide to help you have the best results possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us or stop by. We would rather answer your questions than have you disappointed. We're here to help.

Your lawn care professionals,

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