

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



## 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project

### Help take care of your new sod!



Prior to the completion of any construction project, the contractor is responsible for restoring the areas that have been disturbed as a result of construction. For this project, the final restoration is required to be sod.

The contractor is responsible for providing the necessary turf maintenance to optimize growth of the sod for the first 60 days after placement. While the contractor is still caring for the sod, the sod will be inspected by the construction observer and any issues will be addressed.

**Please do not mow newly installed sod during the contractor maintenance period as this may void the contractor's warranty.**

### Sod Maintenance Tips

- **Watering** - Depending on weather conditions, sod should be watered every day. The root system is not fully established in the first 60 days and newly restored areas must be watered to ensure growth of the vegetation.
- **Morning is the best time to water lawn areas** - As the sun rises, so does the temperature. Heat steals the moisture from your lawn through evaporation. When you water early, more of the water is absorbed into the lawn. Also, watering during the day can actually harm your lawn as scalding and burning occurs when hot sunlight hits the water droplets that cling to the lawn. These droplets imitate a magnifying glass, which then burns the lawn. At night, the cool, moist conditions create an ideal environment for lawn diseases to develop on the damaged grass blades.
- **Maintain a healthy lawn height** - For most lawn areas, mowing at a height of 2 to 3 inches is recommended. This slightly higher height screens out light to the soil surface, limiting the germination and establishment of weeds that need light to germinate. A slightly higher cutting height also encourages deeper rooting, allowing moisture and nutrients from a larger soil volume to gather. This gives the grass a greater degree of stress tolerance. Avoid mowing during hot weather and never cut more than half the plant off at a time.
- **Seasonal Maintenance** - Aerate the lawn twice each season, but most importantly in the fall. Dethatch the lawn in the fall if a condition of organic build up for grass clippings and leaves exists. Seed and fertilize in the fall.

### Landscaping and Lawn Irrigation Systems

The City's contractor will restore disturbed areas to their original condition to the greatest extent possible. However, you are expected to reinstall specialty landscape, invisible fence, and irrigation items yourself following construction.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, concerns, or special access needs, please contact Joe Homan at the number provided.