

New Sod Fertilizing Guide (Canada)

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Before Your First Feeding

1 Wait for anchoring

Hold off three to four weeks; feed only once the tug test shows roots holding.

2 Pick a starter blend

Strong middle (phosphorus) number, slow-release nitrogen preferred.

3 Check your local bylaw

Many provinces restrict phosphorus on established lawns; new lawns are usually allowed.

4 Calibrate the spreader

Set to the bag rate for your square footage; never hand-broadcast.

Feeding Through the First Year

1 First feed

Starter blend at three to four weeks, watered in the same day.

2 Second feed

Balanced or slow-release nitrogen six to eight weeks later.

3 Fall feed

Winterizer blend higher in potassium before the first hard frost.

4 Summer caution

Hold off or use a very light feed during peak heat to avoid scorching.

5 Always water in

Run about 1 cm of water so granules move off the blades into the soil.

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