

Heavy Rain After New Sod Quick Guide

A before, during and after timeline

Before the storm

1 Walk the yard for low spots

These are where water is most likely to pool during and after the storm.

2 Clear downspouts and drainage routes

A blocked downspout concentrates runoff onto one section of new sod.

3 Skip watering and mowing

Let the forecast rain do the watering; avoid adding foot traffic beforehand.

During the storm

1 Stay off the lawn

Includes pets, until the rain has passed and the surface firms back up.

2 Leave stakes and edging in place

Adjusting anything while soil is saturated risks shifting sod more than the rain does.

After the storm

1 Check seams for lifted edges

Press any lifted sections back down and firm them while the soil is still soft.

2 Look for washed out patches

A light topdressing with matching soil, pressed in, generally corrects a thin wash out.

3 Watch standing water

Some pooling for a few hours is normal; note any spot still holding water a full day later.

Ask what to watch for the next time rain is in the forecast.

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