

Dogs and New Sod Checklist

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Timing: When Dogs Can Use New Sod

1 Week 1

Keep dogs off entirely while the sod is soaked and rooting.

2 Weeks 2 to 3

Brief, supervised, on-leash visits only until seams hold.

3 Week 4 onward

Normal use once the sod passes a gentle tug test.

Products and Urine Spots

1 Follow label re-entry times

Water granular fertiliser in and keep pets off until it dries, usually 24 hours or more.

2 Store hazards sealed

Cocoa mulch, blood and bone meal, and slug baits can harm dogs if eaten.

3 Rinse urine spots fast

Dilute with water within minutes to stop nitrogen burn on the grass.

4 Rotate and mow higher

Spread traffic, mow near 3 inches, and patch worn tracks in early fall.

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