

June 19, 2012

COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RECONSTRUCTION

Dear Resident:

Stage UPDATES

Please remember, schedules are weather dependent and are subject to change.

Stage 1:

Hillside Road, Crescent Drive west of Westridge Boulevard, Westridge Boulevard south of Crest Lane and Crest Lane

Sod and Restoration:

Due to the recent rains, sod crews will be onsite next week to begin placing sod in areas disturbed by construction. Please remember the contractor is **ONLY** responsible for watering the sod for the first 42 days. Your assistance is very important to ensure healthy grass – especially during the hot summer months when new sod is easily stressed without adequate water. Please refer to the **“CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD FACT SHEET”** attached below for more detailed information. Prior to the warranty expiring, we will be walking the site with the contractor to identify dead sod that did not make warranty, and have the contractor replace the sod accordingly.

The attached fact sheet is just a general notice that we hand out during sod placement. It describes watering, mowing, and fertilizing requirements for next spring.

We ask for your assistance to help ensure the sod receives adequate water and maintenance. Please avoid walking on your new sod for as long as possible. The combined efforts of you and the contractor should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn.

The contractor will wait to place the final layer of blacktop on your street until the very end of the project.

Irrigation system and pet fence repairs:

If your irrigation system or pet fence has been damaged during construction, the contractor will repair them prior to installation of the new sod. Please let me know if this has not been finished.

Stage 2:

Construction Start Date

The approximate start date for Stage 2 is June 28th. The Contractor will begin by reclaiming the street. This is a method used to recycle the street and use it in the construction of the roadbed.

Special Events

Please contact me if you have special events planned that may require special access to your home during reconstruction. Such events could be graduation parties, garage sales, weddings, medical deliveries, home remodeling projects, etc. The contractor will work with you the best they can to accommodate your event into their work schedule.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials as they can be dangerous. Job site safety is number one concern for everyone.

We do not anticipate school bus stop locations being affected by construction. If reconstruction does temporarily affect the location, you will receive notification.

Emergency Contacts

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. You may also call the Edina Police's non-emergency phone at 952-826-1600 for assistance. Dispatch has a contact list for the project.

The City of Edina and Palda & Sons, Inc. would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout the project.

Thank you,

Jeff Frahm
Project Inspector
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CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD FACT SHEET - 2012

WATERING

Please begin watering your new sod as soon as it has been placed. Your efforts, when combined with the contractor watering the sod for the required 42-day maintenance period, will help ensure the sod will grow and your lawn looking its best. After the initial 42-day sod maintenance period, it will be entirely up to you to water the sod. **Neither the contractor nor the City of Edina will be responsible for replacing dead sod after the initial 42-day growing period.** Your actions will be especially important if there is little rainfall and hot temperatures. The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. **New sod requires twice as much water, or 2 inches per week done in 3 or 4 applications.** More frequent, lighter watering is not desirable. They encourage shallow roots instead of deep roots. Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand periods of little or no rain. During extended hot and dry periods, new sod should be thoroughly soaked every day if allowed by the City's watering restrictions. (For an update on watering restrictions, visit the City of Edina's web pages at:

http://www.cityofedina.com/Departments/L4_WateringRestrictions.htm
http://www.cityofedina.com/CityCode/L5-01_CityCodeSect1115.htm

Checking to see if you are watering enough is done by placing a shallow, flat-bottomed container under the sprinkler. Then just measure the water depth in the container. *Any rainfall received during the week can be included in your 2 inches a week watering total.* You should continue watering the new sod for the remainder of the fall until the first few frost events.

MOWING AND FERTILIZING

Do not mow your newly placed sod for 3 weeks. This is the only method by which your sod will develop deep roots. Your new sod should not be mowed until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted, or the grass goes to seed. Don't be alarmed if either of these conditions does not occur in the first 42 days. **Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new sod with this setting for the first several months. Your new sod may die if you cut it at the same setting as the one you ordinarily use to cut your mature lawn.**

Your new sod was fertilized at the place it was grown; therefore, it will not need fertilizer until next summer. **If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod.** When you do fertilize for fall, remember to use a phosphorus-free fertilizer (i.e. 15-0-0, middle number is phosphorous and should be zero) and follow the manufacturer's instructions on application rates.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Remember, even after your new sod appears to have taken hold; it is not as sturdy as an established lawn. It takes a while for the roots to reach their mature length. Until the roots are mature, the sod is still susceptible to dry conditions. Remember to water deeply. It is also advisable to let the sod grow a little longer than normal when conditions are dry. Fertilize as described above if the sod begins to yellow.