



September 27, 2024

Subject: Sod Maintenance and Acceptance
Birchwood Estates Street Reconstruction Project ST249001

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you that the contractor's 30-day maintenance period of the sod placed in front of your property has ended (or soon will be ending). Prior to the end of the contractor's maintenance period city staff has marked deficient areas for replacement. **After the contractor's maintenance period ends, ongoing care and maintenance of the sod will be the responsibility of the property owner.**

The city would like to emphasize the importance of continued watering and maintenance of the new sod so that proper growth is maintained. Some sod takes a few years before it is fully established to the hearty condition of the rest of your lawn. The following are some guidelines to help care for new sod:

- Water daily for about 6 weeks. If any odd/even restrictions are in place, you do not need to follow them. However, you must still abide by the noon to 5 p.m. watering ban.
- Water until soil is saturated 6-8 inches. Soil should be completely wet under new sod.
- Water more during warm, dry, or windy weather to keep your sod continually moist.
- Be patient: areas of damaged sod will often recover.
- Sod may go dormant during severe drought conditions.
- Do not mow until sod reaches 6 inches or until sod is fully rooted.
- Letting your sod grow long helps develop a deeper root system, increasing its heat and drought tolerance.
- When mowing new sod, mow to a minimum height of 3½ inches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the project representative, Drew Bailey, at drew.bailey@bolton-menk.com or (763) 358-1045.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Miller'.

Tony Miller, PE, Engineering Project Manager – City of Plymouth
CC: Drew Bailey, Project Representative – Bolton & Menk

