



# Homeowner Care & Maintenance Guide

Now that your Scott's® ProVista™ sod has been installed, you are officially the proud owner of one of the most advanced turfgrass lawns. Please refer to this maintenance guide for tips and best practices for lawn care to keep your sod looking beautiful for years to come.

## Mowing & Edging

The good news about your sod is that it does not require as much mowing as other grasses, which will ultimately save you time and money! After you've let your new sod establish roots for about the first four to six weeks, then is the time for the first mow. When mowing, consider these best practices:

- **A recommended mowing height is 3"-4"** using sharp blades to ensure a clean cut.
- **Avoid waiting too long between mows** and change the mowing pattern from time to time to avoid excessive traffic.
- **Mowing should reduce the height** of the grass by no more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  to keep the grass healthy.
- **Leave clippings on the lawn** to act as natural fertilizer (bagging is ok if preferred).



## Watering & Irrigation

As the seasons change, the amount of water your lawn needs will also change. There is no "one model fits all" to irrigation, so use your best judgment when determining how often to water and how much water to use for your lawn.

- **Water at least twice a day for the first two to three weeks**, then 1-2 times per week thereafter - giving your grass  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water each time. Reduce frequency and/or amount based on rainfall and any local regulations.
- **Watering in the early mornings is ideal**, but if hot spots appear you can water in the middle of the day to cool the grass down.
- **Check on the moisture of the soil surface frequently** to ensure it's not being overwatered; dial down if necessary.

## Fertilization

**About a month after installation, you should apply fertilizer to give your grass the nutrients it needs to establish.** Starting fertilizer early in its development will help grass grow deep roots and full blades. Fertilize once every 4-6 weeks until turf appears to be well established - with deep roots and any gaps or damage filled in.

When using fertilizer, avoid applying dry fertilizer to wet grass and lightly water in dry fertilizer when applications are complete. Try your best to avoid applications ahead of rain events to avoid leaching of nutrients.

Some fertilizer products also include weed and/or pest control to help maintain your new, beautiful lawn.

Consult local regulations for blackout periods or other restrictions on when and what to apply.

Once fully established, Scotts ProVista can require as little as half the fertilizer to maintain the same quality and color as conventional St. Augustinegrass.



## Weed Control

**When new sod is laid, weeds that have been in the soil waiting may start popping up due to the increased water and fertilization; so it's good to have a plan of action to prevent and control what you can.** The good news is, Scotts ProVista stays clean with its tight, dense growth which helps crowd out grassy and broadleaf weeds by leaving them little room to grow.

To keep your grass looking fresh, use weed control products that are marked safe for 'Floratam' St. Augustinegrass. Such products are available as liquids for broadcast or spot spraying, and as combination products as part of a granular fertilizer. Pre-emergent (or preventative) products are recommended early in the spring, followed by post-emergent (or curative) products if weeds are spotted the rest of the year. Always follow product labels and local regulations.

While many weeds can be controlled with the above products, there are invasive, grassy weeds like common bermuda, torpedograss or tropical signalgrass which can be nearly impossible to remove from conventional lawns without killing the desired grass. Fortunately, you can call a lawn care professional to remove such weeds from your Scotts ProVista lawn without harming the turf.

## Insects

**No matter what type of sod you have, there are insects that find it particularly irresistible.** You may not see these pests, but you will be able to see the damage they do to the lawn. Wondering what insects to be on the lookout for?

- **Sod Webworms** - (small, rice-sized, clear/green worms that feed on leaf tissue) prevalent in summer and fall with preference for newly established turf.
- **Chinch Bugs** - (small, pinhead-sized black and white winged bugs that feed on stems) prevalent in spring and summer. The damage looks like dried out or burned, irregular-shaped patches of grass that can spread if untreated.
- **Mole Crickets** - (similar in size to a peanut, brown in color, feed on the grass root system) prevalent year round. The damage looks like dried out grass with loose soil and visible, underground tunnels.

If you think you're dealing with insect issues, you can try doing a search on the internet to find imagery to confirm your suspicion. If you're unsure or want help solving the problem, we recommend calling a professional to assess your lawn and guide you through next steps.

## Disease

Even grass can get sick under the wrong conditions such as poor weather, stress and insect damage. Two common diseases you may come across as you maintain your new lawn are the following.

- **Grey Leaf Spot** - (small brown/grey lesions on leaves) prevalent in summer.
- **Large Patch** - (circular patches/rings of dried out, dead grass blades) prevalent in fall and winter.

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## Recovery & Repair

Sod can be damaged by a variety of factors including drought, insects and disease. It's important to address and stop the root cause of the damage so you can focus on recovery. Recovery can be quickened with fertilizer and watering. Scotts® EZ Patch™ Lawn Repair can be a useful tool that provides fertilizer and helps maintain moisture. If the damage is larger than a 1' diameter, you may consider using sod to repair.

## Seasonal Guidance

Because Scotts ProVista grows slowly naturally, it may appear more brown in the winter and slower to green up in the spring. To give your grass a boost, you should feed it in the fall before it gets cold and in the spring as soon as it starts to green up.

An early application of a slow-release fertilizer like Scotts® Turf Builder® UltraFeed™ during the summer will feed your grass all season long.



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## Product Recommendations

### Fertilizer

**Spring:** Scotts® Turf Builder® Bonus® S Southern Weed & Feed

**Late Spring:** Scotts® Turf Builder® UltraFeed™ or Scotts® Turf Builder® Southern Lawn Food

**Fall:** Scotts® Turf Builder® Southern Triple Action



### Weed Control

Ortho® Weed B Gon® Weed Killer for St. Augustinegrass



### Insect Control

**Systemic (Prevent):** Scotts® GrubEx® Season Long Grub Killer

**Contact (Kill):** Ortho® brand Lawn & Landscape Insect Killer products



### Disease Control

Scotts® DiseaseEx™ Lawn Fungicide



### Recovery & Repair

Scotts® EZ Patch™ Lawn Repair For St. Augustine Lawns



For more information, visit: [ProVistaTurf.com](http://ProVistaTurf.com)

### Does Scotts ProVista require any special maintenance?

For Scotts ProVista, follow the best management practices (BMPs) for St. Augustinegrass provided by your state extension office. Visit the website for additional information about maintaining your Scotts ProVista turf, including seasonal care tips.

### How does Scotts ProVista perform in the shade?

Scotts ProVista has demonstrated excellent shade performance vs. conventional St. Augustinegrass varieties. Scotts ProVista thrives in both sun and shade conditions where turf is able to grow.

### Am I able to keep Scotts ProVista out of unwanted areas such as landscape beds?

Scotts ProVista can be controlled with non-selective Ortho® GroundClear® Weed & Grass Killer: ammonium nonanoate).

### Is Scotts ProVista a "dwarf" turf? Do I need to change my mowing height?

No. Scotts ProVista grows slower vertically but can be maintained at typical mowing heights - between 3" - 5".

# FAQs

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