



# Village of Villa Park

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**RE: 2018 South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project (Madison to Jackson)  
Sod Maintenance**

Dear Resident,

In May 2018, the contractor placed sod over parkways along your property. On June 16, 2018 the 30 day contractor maintenance period expires and, maintenance of sod is now turned over to the homeowner. To maintain a healthy and vigorous landscape, please follow the guidelines below:

1. Water the sodded areas daily (more so on sunny high temperature days) until it is well established.
2. Do not mow the sodded areas until the grass is at least 3" high.
3. Mow the sodded areas to maintain 3" of grass blade length for one year. Ideally only one-third (1/3) of the total height of the grass should be removed during a mowing.
4. Keep mower blades sharpened so as not to shred the grass blades when mowing.
5. Do not fertilize or use weed control products until the restored area has been mowed three times. The grass needs to establish strong enough roots to withstand any type of chemical application.

The contractor will remove and replace any sodded areas that have died. After the dead sod has been replaced, the parkway's sod will not be maintained by the contractor anymore. Watering until evenly wet once in the morning and once at night is recommended until the grass is established.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Division at (630) 834-8505.

Sincerely yours,

Vydas Juskelis, P.E.  
Public Works Director