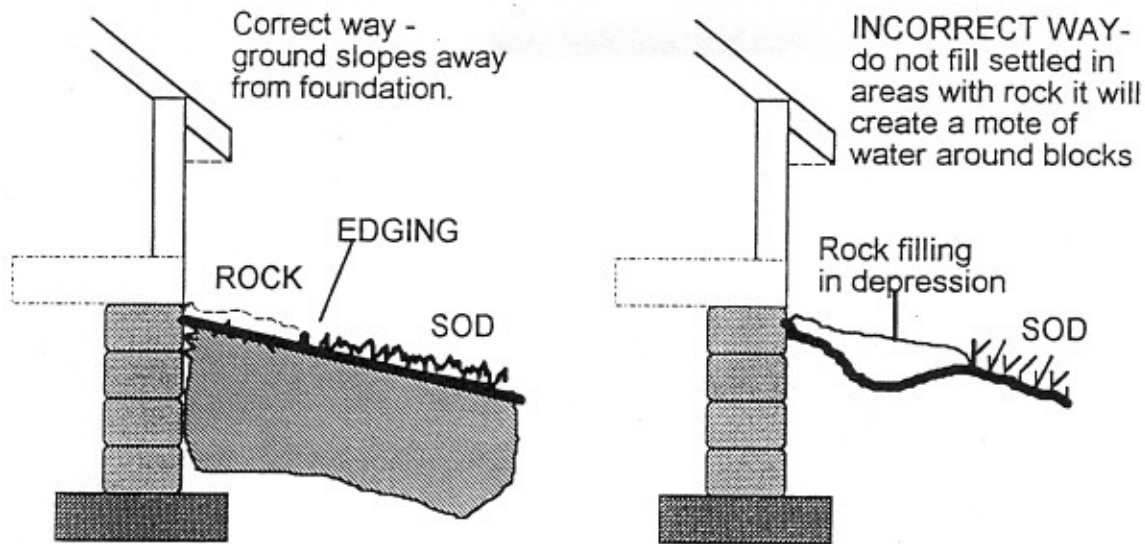


NEW SOD CARE INFORMATION

1. Your new sod is in shock after being cut and brought to your new home. WATER...WATER...WATER is the cure!!!! WATER the sod as it is laid. Section off areas at a time. Don't shut the water off. If you have not completely soaked all of the sod during the day please continue at night.
2. WATER YOUR SOD EVERY DAY FOR THREE WEEKS! Your sod is moist when it is installed, and if not watered immediately, it will shrink and not return to its original size. As a result, you will have gaps in your lawn.
3. Water long enough so that when you step onto the lawn, the sod is very squishy, or set an empty tuna can out by the sprinkler and when it is full, move your sprinkler to another area. Overlap watering areas so no dry spots occur. If it rains, consider that a day of rain, not a week.
4. MORE WATER...WATER...WATER during periods of hot weather.
5. For a healthy lawn, we recommend fertilizing every 2 months using a straight blend of fertilizer (10-10-10 or 12-12-12). Such a fertilizing schedule will make you grass grow rapidly and require additional mowing, however, fertilizing is necessary to maintain a beautifully green lawn.
6. With proper fertilizing, the grass will thicken and tend to choke out weeds. Destroying any weed right away will prevent them from spreading. Spray with a weed killer as needed.
7. Trees and shrubs are healthy upon installation. They must be watered. Insufficient water is the main reason these healthy trees die. They are not warrantable and will not be replaced.

LANDSCAPING TIP:

MOST BASEMENT WATER PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY INCORRECT AND EXCESSIVE INSTALLATION OF DECORATIVE ROCK.



Make sure you check your landscaping rock / mulch yearly as ground around your foundation may continue to settle. If you do not raise the ground for a positive slope you may end up with a wet basement. As a homeowner, you are responsible to maintain the final grade created by the builder.

Install black dirt and establish positive grade away from house before you install rock, edging, trees, etc. Be sure you maintain a 6 inch separation from bottom of siding to top of landscape at the edge of the house.