



2800 NM Highway 28 in La Union, New Mexico 88021.

## COMPOST INFORMATION

**YOU CAN SAVE 30% TO 50% ON YOUR WATER BY ADDING COMPOST TO YOUR SOIL**

**COMPOST** is not the same as manure. **COMPOST** is a mixture of organic material that has been aged. Manure is just manure with nothing added to it. **COMPOST** improves the condition & fertility of the soil. And type of soil will benefit from the nutrients in **COMPOST**, which are held in organic form & slowly released throughout the growing season.

### 3 STEPS TO A BEAUTIFUL LAWN

#### 1. Soil Preparation

- Remove rocks, sticks, chunks of concrete, lumber scraps, vegetative matter and other debris.
- Kill all weeds and grasses. (Wait at least 10 days to 2 weeks after applying herbicide before installing new turf).
- Grade your lot with the proper slope so rainfall and run-off drain away from your home.
- The soil surface should be 1 to 1 1/2 inches below walks or driveways to allow for turf grass thickness.
- Work the soil 4 to 6 inches with a rototiller if the surface is hard or compacted.
- **It is very important to rototill 3-5yards of COMPOST (not manure) per 1.000 sq. ft. into the soil 4 to 6 inches deep before laying the turf grass.**

#### 2. Installation

- **LAY TURF IMMEDIATELY UPON DELIVERY.**
- Begin laying your turf along a straight edge, such as a walk or driveway. Butt join together tightly, but don't overlap. Alternate each row so the joints are staggered, like rows of bricks.
- Use a sharp knife to cut turf so it can be shaped to fit around curves, trees, borders, flowers beds, etc.
- **START WATERING WITHIN 30 MINUTES AFTER TURF IS LAID** - even if all your turf isn't down yet. After laying turf grass, it may be rolled if desired.
- **AFTER JOB IS COMPLETED, WATER AGAIN - THOROUGHLY.**

### 3. Care and Management

- **WATER NEW TURF DAILY** - 4 to 5 times a day at 15 minutes per time, especially the first 10 days or until your new grass is firmly established. The critical factor is getting your new turf lawn established is to **KEEP THE TOP MOIST** until it establishes a new root system. Avoid watering after 7:00 pm. It could cause fungus.
- **DO NOT OVER WATER** - YES THIS IS POSSIBLE. if the grass is sitting in water for long periods of time that is too much water. Short frequent watering is the secret.
- After the first 10 days, gradually cut watering back to three to four times a week, depending on the weather.
- **A blue gray silver haze may indicate a lack of sufficient water. Increase watering time. This may happen when you cut your watering time back, at which time you will have to increase the watering time until the turf grass is established.**
- Wait to mow for at least 7 days after turf is installed, depending on growth. A rule of thumb is to mow often enough so you're not cutting off more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at a time. Keep mower blades sharp.
- Maintain an adequate fertilizer program. Follow the instructions on the bag.
- **Put 1/2 inch of COMPOST not manure) ON TOP OF THE TURF GRASS TWICE A YEAR (March & October) to help save water and condition the soil.**
- **It is important to use both fertilizer and COMPOST to build up the nutrients in the soil.**

#### **Our hours of operation are**

Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.