

Wildflower Sod™

Installation Guide



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01 Eliminate all existing grasses, weeds and vegetation from the site. Effective methods include sod-cutting, repeated soil cultivation, smothering, solarization, and chemical treatments. Thorough site preparation takes weeks or months to complete and is an important part of a successful meadow installation.

02 Install sod within twenty-four hours of receipt. Sod size will vary depending on which Meadow Lab site it is coming from, but is generally delivered in a roll or slab that ranges in weight from 3-4 lbs per square foot (depending on maturity and moisture content when lifted).

03 Rake cleared area to create a reasonably fine bed, ensuring there is at least 4" of soil or growing medium beneath. Remove large stones, roots or clods of earth to ensure that the roots of the plants in the sod can be in close contact with the soil.

04 Lay the sod, pressing it down gently to ensure good root to soil contact.

05 Ensure that all joints are butted up correctly to prevent the growth of weeds. Do not overlap the sod at the joints or create tension so the joints pull apart.

06 Dress joints, edges and small gaps during the installation with Meadow Lab's Wildflower Soil™ product, a pre-seeded growing medium that creates an optimal germination environment for wildflower seedlings.

07 Immediately after laying, water the sod thoroughly. Lift a corner of the sod to ensure the soil underneath the sod is damp to be sure it has been adequately watered. Continue to water daily for 2-3 weeks (weather dependent), until the sod is rooted in. Do not allow the sod to dry out while it establishes.

08 After about a week, pull up a corner of the sod. You should see the roots starting to establish and knit into the soil.

09 Once established, sod requires little maintenance beyond 1-2 annual maintenance cuts. For best results, refer to our Wildflower Sod™ Maintenance Guide.