



May 14, 2025

Subject: Sod Maintenance and Acceptance  
Birchwood Estates Street Reconstruction Project ST249001

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is a reminder that the contractor's 30-day maintenance period for the of the sod placed in front of your property as part of the Birchwood Estates Street Reconstruction Project ended. Prior to the end of the contractor's maintenance period City staff inspected the sod to verify that it was in good condition and marked deficient areas for replacement. Ongoing care and maintenance of the sod is the responsibility of the property owner.

The City would like to emphasize the importance of continued watering and maintenance of the new sod so that proper growth is maintained. Some sod takes a few years before it is fully established to the hearty condition of the rest of your lawn. The following are some guidelines to help care for new sod:

- Water until soil is saturated 6-8 inches. Soil should be completely wet under new sod.
- Water more during warm, dry, or windy weather to keep your sod continually moist.
- Be patient: areas of damaged sod will often recover.
- Sod may go dormant during severe drought conditions.
- Do not mow until sod reaches 6 inches or until sod is fully rooted.
- Letting your sod grow long helps develop a deeper root system, increasing its heat and drought tolerance.
- When mowing new sod, mow to a minimum height of 3½ inches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [TMMiller@PlymouthMN.gov](mailto:TMMiller@PlymouthMN.gov) or (763) 509-5528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Miller', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tony Miller, PE, Engineering Project Manager – City of Plymouth

