

## Maintenance

- **MARCH:** Thatch. Remove as much brown as you can by mowing or raking and picking up clippings. This will help it green up faster. Feed it and it will grow. Apply crabgrass preventive around March 1st. One spring application of Fertilizer per year is sufficient.
- **JUNE, JULY & AUGUST:** Additional Fertilizer may be applied – **High Nitrogen** once a month. This is optional, but increase growth.
- **NOVEMBER:** Apply Broad Leaf Preventative “Weed Be Gone” to combat winter weeds. It will not harm the Zoysia.
- **MOWING:** Mow once rooted. Set height 1-2 inches. Never remove more than 1/3 inch the leaf with once cutting. Continue mowing until the Zoysia goes into dormancy.
- **WATERING:** A deeply rooted Zoysia Grass Lawn will require water during periods of extremely hot, dry weather in order to maintain its green color. Although Drought tolerant. It still needs water. Always water in the morning, 3/4 inch twice a week is recommended for newly installed sod.



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*Zoysia Sod – An Environmental Champion.*



## Zoysia – (pronounced *Zoy Sha*)

is a warm season grass that thrives in the hot summer months. A thick lush green grass in the summer, it goes dormant in the fall and turns **Golden** brown in the winter. Zoysia is a Sun Loving Grass – it does not like Shade.

- **DROUGHT TOLERANT**
- **DISEASE RESISTANT**
- **CHOKES OUT WEEDS**
- **LESS MAINTENANCE**

Brookmeade harvests the Meyer Z52 and Zenith varieties late Spring until October 1st each year. Sold by the Square Yard or Bag of Plugs. The strips of sod are 16" wide and 81" long and weigh 45 lbs. Each piece covers 9 square feet. The Plugs are about an inch in diameter and come in our recycled 50 lb seed bags.

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## Order what you need

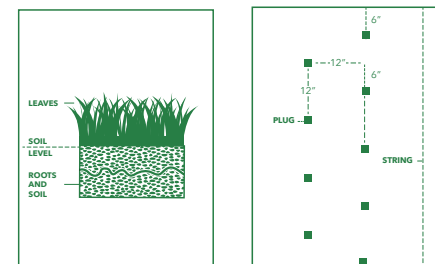
Measure the area you want to cover **length x width in feet and divide by 9** to calculate square yards. Since Zoysia spreads – all the soil doesn't have to be covered initially. If going with Plugs – we recommend planting them 12 inches apart. The bag has 250-300 Plugs per order, covering up to 300 square feet.

## Installation

Whether installing strips of Sod or Plugs, it is recommended that you prepare the soil to receive a new plant. A soil test is suggested if time allows. You may need to add top soil. When installing sod, good rich soil will help you to be successful. Brookmeade recommends mixing **Starter Fertilizer and Lime** into the soil before installing sod or making holes for the plugs. The soil should be loose and raked to a level grade, with all sticks, stones and clumps of dirt taken out or broken up. Brookmeade offers installation of sod to your prepared grade or you can **DO IT YOURSELF**. When installing the sod, we recommend starting with the straightest longest line and stagger the joints in a brick pattern.

## Watering

Although **drought tolerant**, it is important to **Soak** the Zoysia on day of installation. The same rules apply for sod or plugs: Water daily for the first 2 weeks until rooted. **Each watering should yield ½ inch of water.** Water in the morning and twice a day when above 85°. Due to their size, plugs will dry out quicker. Keep them moist the first year of planting. **Zoysia is drought tolerant but it is not drought resistant.** Give your Zoysia water when it is dry and it will perk right up. All established lawns want a minimum of 1.5 inches of water per week. This should be your goal the first 3 years of newly installed Zoysia.



## Zoysia Plugs

An economical approach to growing a Zoysia lawn. BSF recommends planting the plugs 12 inches apart in good rich soil, ideally Lime and Starter Fertilizer mixed into the soil (not directly in the hole) before planting. Keep them moist throughout the year. Very little spreading will occur in the first year but will take a jump the following years. You can mow once they are attached to the ground.