

**21 NCAC 28B .0503      TURF**

(a) When establishing natural turf, the licensed contractor shall:

- (1) Notify the owner or the construction manager whether there is adequate time to establish the specified turf from seed within the construction schedule and prior to finish of the job;
- (2) Prior to lawn installation, loosen soil to a minimum depth of three inches;
- (3) Confirm that all lawn seed meets the standards of the NC Seed Law of 1963, as set forth in G.S. 106, Art. 31;
- (4) Evenly distribute seed;
- (5) Apply seed at manufacturer's recommended rates;
- (6) Roll or rake after seeding to ensure good soil contact;
- (7) Install sod within 36 hours of harvesting unless weather conditions or turf types dictate a shorter timeframe;
- (8) Lay sod strips in a staggered pattern, horizontal to slopes and with tight seams;
- (9) Roll sod after installation to provide good soil contact;
- (10) Distribute sprigs evenly;
- (11) Ensure that sprigs and sod plugs are in good contact with the soil;
- (12) Water lawn areas after installation and in accordance with the needs of the lawn; and
- (13) Notify client of his or her responsibility to water turf following installation.

(b) When installing artificial turf, the licensed contractor shall:

- (1) Ensure that the sub-grade is compacted and shall pitch properly to drain;
- (2) Establish a perimeter attachment system to secure the artificial turf;
- (3) Roll out the turf with the nap facing a consistent direction;
- (4) Secure the turf with an evenly weighted sand layer distributed over the entire surface; and
- (5) Follow all manufacturer's specifications for the type of turf being installed.

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