

Planting Instructions:

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

It is perfectly normal for Amazoy zoysia grass leaves to turn brown or dry out during the shipping process. The grass is not dead. It has started to go dormant. Amazoy zoysia needs light, water, time & warm temperatures to come out of dormancy. Once planted, new buds will form on the roots or stolons of the plugs. They will produce new lovely green zoysia blades.

When you receive the grass it will be in sheets. If you are not going to be planting the grass within 2 days, please take the sheets out of the box and turn them blade side up. Place plugs in open daylight but not in direct sunlight. Mist plugs with water & keep moist until planted. This will allow you 2-3 weeks to get your entire order planted. These are living plants and must be cared for.

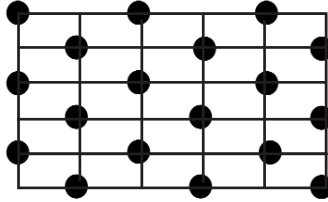
Tools needed: sharp shears for cutting the grass and plugger, auger or small trowel for making the holes

Other useful tools: gloves, sharpener for shears, kneepads

- 1.** Dampen the sheets before cutting. Cut the sheets into one-inch squares using sharp floral or garden shears (something with a spring is best). The easiest way to do this is to first cut the sheet into one-inch strips and then cut the strips into one-inch squares. **DO NOT TEAR SHEETS APART.**
- 2.** Make sure the area you are planting in gets at least 2-3 hours of direct sunlight. Clear 2-3 inches around where you are going to plant each plug if possible. This will encourage zoysia to spread.
- 3.** If you are planting in an existing lawn, mow your lawn as low as possible. If the area where you are planting is dry, water down the area. This will make hole preparation easier.

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4. Using step on plugger, auger or a small garden trowel, dig holes for whatever spacing you have decided on (4, 6 or 12 inches apart). The holes you dig should be slightly deeper & wider than the one-inch plugs. Stagger your rows when planting as shown in this diagram.



5. Fill each hole with water unless the soil is already wet. Use some of the loose soil taken from the holes to partly re-fill them. Put the roots of the plug in the hole. The plugs will sit a little higher than the surrounding soil line. Use part of the loose dirt to fill in around the sides of the plug to bury the roots only. **DO NOT** cover the entire plug with dirt.
6. Step on each plug firmly. You will not harm the plugs. It is important you make sure the roots contact the loose soil. Avoid air space between roots and soil. **DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP.**
7. The newly planted plugs should be watered daily for 15 minutes for the first three weeks only using a gentle mist not a heavy stream of water. Watering is not necessary if you had rain that day. Amazoy zoysia is a drought tolerant grass so daily watering is not needed after the initial three-week period.
8. Zoysia plugs should not be mowed for at least 30 days after planting. If it is necessary to mow prior to 30 days, please set the mower at the highest possible setting so as to not disturb the plugs.

If you decide to fertilize your new plugs only use our Nutri-20 fertilizer during the first 45 days after planting. Nutri-20 is specially formulated for Amazoy zoysia grass and can be used on newly planted plugs as often as every 2 weeks for the first growing season.

Please do not use any type of weed control for at least 45 days after planting your Amazoy zoysia grass plugs.

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General Weed Control with Amazoy Zoysia Grass Lawns:

When using any type of weed control, read the label to make sure the product is safe for zoysia grass.

Before Planting:

You can use most spray type post-emergent broadleaf weed control 4 weeks before planting your new plugs. The less weed & other grasses there are in the yard the quicker the Amazoy zoysia grass will spread.

During the Planting Process:

Once the Amazoy plugs have been planted, do not use any type of weed control for at least 45 days.

Ongoing Weed Control:

You can kill weeds while your Amazoy zoysia lawn is getting established after 45 days using post or pre-emergent broad leaf weed control.

Pre-emergent weed control will only work on weed seed, which are weeds that are not visible in the lawn yet. Follow the label for new planting time frames when using pre-emergent weed killers.

It is best to use pre-emergent in an established Amazoy zoysia lawn in late March or early April for spring & summer weed seed and late August or early September for winter weed seed.

Once the weeds are visible, you would need to use a post-emergent spray weed control. Post-emergent weed control will not kill weed seed.

Fertilizing Amazoy Zoysia Lawns:

If you decide to fertilize your lawn, **DO NOT** use ordinary granular fertilizers. They can burn or cause serious damage to your lawn. We only recommend using water-soluble fertilizer such as Nutri-20. Nutri-20 fertilizer has been specially formulated for use on Amazoy zoysia grass. Established Amazoy zoysia grass can be fertilized in May, June & September.

If fertilizing newly planted plugs, you can fertilize with Nutri-20 once every two weeks for the first growing season. Please do not fertilize more often than the 2-week time frame.

Our Guarantee:

Our guarantee is to replace any plug that fails to grow within 45 days of planting.

Please **DO NOT** use any type of weed control or any fertilizer other than Nutri-20 on the plugs during this 45-day time frame.

Observe growth for 45 days. Amazoy zoysia grass needs consistent temperatures in the 70's in order to produce new green shoots. If new green shoots fail to appear within 45 days please notify us.

We will accept claims for replacement plugs up to 60 days after the planting date.

For more detailed planting tips & a video of the planting process, please refer to our website at: www.zoysiafarms.com/planmain.jsp

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