



K9GrassTM

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Authorized ForeverLawn dealers follow a ten-step process for installing the K9Grass product to ensure that every installation meets our highest standard of quality. Our trained professionals give each installation their focused attention. Although there are always some nuances with each installation, the following guidelines are used for reference and consistency.

1. Ground Clearing

The first step in the installation process is to clear the ground of any covering or debris. A clear base is vital to the long-term quality of our installations. For existing areas, this may include removal of sod, rocks, gravel, etc. Although new construction installations will not require the same time commitment during this phase, time is taken to ensure that the ground is clear of any remaining construction debris or obstructions, and that fill dirt is properly settled or compacted.

2. Base Height

The second step in our installation process is to ensure that the installed product will be at the desired finish grade. This requires that the initial base be at approximately 3" to 4" below finish grade. Depending on the current conditions, any excess soil is removed and discarded, or fill is brought in at this time.

3. Nailer Board Installation

Once the base has been established, the nailer boards can be installed along the perimeter. A composite poly board (such as TREX) is to be used for this nailer board. This board will typically be a 1" x 6" or 2" x 4" board. If the area is bordered by a solid edge like concrete, the nailer boards should be anchored to the surrounding edge by using a shotgun nailer or concrete screws.

4. Gravel Sub-Base

Next, 1/4 minus crusher fine gravel is installed to create a stabilized sub-base. The crushed gravel is brought in and spread to create a base approximately 2" to 3" thick. The gravel sub base is used to give a solid base for the product while still allowing for drainage. The crusher fine is graded to meet drainage requirements as well as customer desires. This step allows us to determine the exact finish level of the grass, as well as prevent any areas of water build-up or improper drainage. The gravel sub-base should mound slightly higher than the nailer boards to allow for a level surface after compaction.

5. Compacting the base

A plate tamper or roller is brought in to compact the base. Water is sprayed over the gravel prior to tamping to ensure proper compaction and reduce dust. The goal of this step is to reach 90% to 95% compaction. The compacted crushed gravel sub-base is then given time to dry and checked for inconsistencies prior to proceeding.

6. K9Grass Layout

The ForeverLawn turf rolls are brought in and laid out. ForeverLawn comes in 15' wide rolls. Our professional installation team will lay the grass out in a manner that will best fit your lawn. Due to the natural direction of the grass blades, the turf must all be laid out in the same direction. Therefore, it is very important that this layout is thoroughly thought out before cutting begins.

7. Cutting the Grass

This phase is where the turf is trimmed to fit your area. The product can be cut around your existing landscape, whether it is a perfect square, and odd shaped kennel, or a curved border.

8. Stretching and Securing the Perimeter

We secure the K9Grass to the nailer boards using galvanized or stainless steel staples. The most common staples used are 1" long narrow crown (1/4") staples. These staples are placed about every inch around the perimeter of the area using a pneumatic staple gun (about one foot on either side of each seam should be left unstapled until after the following step is completed). Care should be taken to ensure the turf is properly stretched during this process. Tools such as a carpet stretcher, gripper, seam puller, or knee kicker are often helpful in this process.

9. Seaming

After the seams are lined up and the edges are secured, the seams can be folded back and terram tape rolled out. The NORDOT glue should be applied to the terram paper using a 1/4" notched trowel. The seam should be left open for approximately 20-30 minutes for the NORDOT glue to "kick." Once the glue reaches a strong tacky texture, the seam should be closed up (ensuring grass blades are not trapped) and rolled or weighted. The seams will require approximately 24 hours to become waterproof.

10. Clean Up

No job would be complete without proper clean up. You can use a blower, rake, brush or broom to clean up the grass, as well as water.

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