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2022 Utility Reconstruction September 9, 2022

Construction Updates and Schedule

Please keep in mind that the construction schedule may change due to a variety of factors including weather and subsurface conditions. The contractor will make an effort to notify properties with utility or driveway access restrictions.

Entire Project Area

Crews have begun the placement of topsoil and are expected to begin placing sod in the next few days as weather permits. **Please refer to the attached flyer describing proper care and maintenance of the new sod.** Tree installation in the project area is complete.

Other small, minor wrap-up work may be taking place throughout the project area in preparation for the final layer of asphalt being paved.

Please contact Spencer Szymonowicz (SEH) if the irrigation system at your property was damaged during construction.

The final layer of asphalt is tentatively scheduled to be paved during the week of September 19th.

Communications Comments or Questions? Please contact us (please include your address)

Spencer Szymonowicz (SEH)
at 952-449-1417

Or

Ben Perkey, Engineering Project
Manager at 763-531-1161
PW.Projects@crystalmn.gov

Construction Updates

Construction update newsletters will be mailed to properties in the street reconstruction area throughout the course of the project. You may also sign up to receive electronic PDF copies of these updates by visiting the link below and scrolling down to “Newsletter Signup”, located in the 2022 Utility Reconstruction portion of the page.

https://www.crystalmn.gov/our-city/public_works_projects

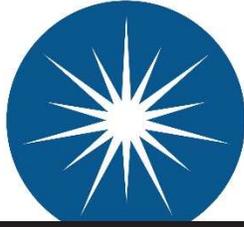
Written correspondence

You can put project-related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located outside city hall or mail it to City Hall. However, email is the preferred correspondence method.

Construction Videos:

Residents will see a wide variety of work going on and the street dug up multiple times. To view City-produced YouTube videos explaining various utility reconstruction topics, please follow the link below and scroll down to the “Reconstruction Project Video Series”, located in the 2022 Utility Reconstruction portion of the page.

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Caring For Your New Sod

One of the final steps in the project restoration process is the installation of the new sod. To help the new sod take root and stay healthy, your assistance is needed. Please follow these guidelines when caring for your new sod.

Sod Responsibility

The Contractor is responsible for watering the sod for the first 30 days after installation. City staff will inspect the sod after 30 days and any sod that does not meet contract specifications will be replaced.

After the first 30 days, property owners are responsible for regularly watering and caring for the new sod.

Watering

New sod requires around 2 inches of water per week which can be spread out over three to four water applications. Watering the new sod should be done daily if there is little rainfall and/or hot temperatures. Because the roots are so shallow, the roots dry out faster than mature lawns.

Please note that mature lawns require around a minimum of 1 inch of water per week to be healthy. When watering mature grass, please keep in mind that frequent, lighter waterings are not desirable, as they encourage shallow roots instead of deep roots. Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand periods of little or no rain. The roots of new sod require about a year to reach their full length.

To check if you are watering enough, place a shallow, flat-bottomed container such as a cake pan under the sprinkler spray. Time how long it takes for the pan to fill to the desired water depth (1 inch per week for mature lawns). The time it takes is how long you should generally water your grass per application. Please note that any rainfall received during the week can be included in the weekly watering total.

Sod protection

Please avoid walking on the new sod for the first three weeks, or longer if it hot and dry.

Mowing

New sod should not be mowed until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. Don't be alarmed if either of these conditions does not occur in the first 30 days. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new sod with this setting for the remainder of the year. Your new sod will die if you cut it at the same setting as the one you ordinarily use to cut your mature lawn. A healthy grass height for established lawns is around 3 inches, cutting the grass to a shorter height may result in the grass drying out faster during little rainfall periods or hot temperatures.

Fertilizing

When (if) you do fertilize, use a 10-10-10 or similar mixture and follow manufacturer's instructions on application rates. After one year, switch back to a "0" phosphorous fertilizer (the middle number) as required by state law.

Your assistance with the new sod care is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Crystal Public Works at PW.projects@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1161.