

# Planting Instructions:

## PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

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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. The viability is in the roots. Amazoy zoysia needs light, water, time & warm temperatures to come out of dormancy. Once planted, new blades will form on the roots of the plugs. They will produce new lovely green zoysia blades.

If you are not going to be planting within 2 days of receipt, ***please take the grass out of the box and turn it blade side up.*** Place it in open daylight, but not in direct sunlight. Mist the zoysia with water and keep it moist (not wet) until planted. This will allow 2-3 weeks to get the entire order planted. These are living plants that must be cared for.

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

**Other useful tools:** gloves, sharpener for shears, kneepads

**Amazoy Super Plugs:** Precut, approximately 3"x3".  
Ready to plant — skip step 1.

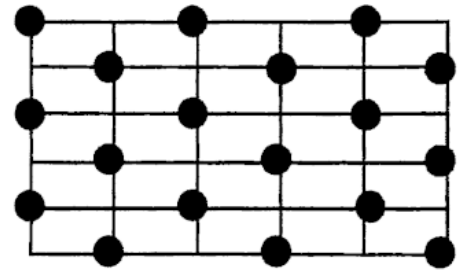
**Freestyle Plugs:** You decide how big to cut the plugs!  
Each sheet will produce up to 150 (1 in. square) plugs per sheet.  
If you cut larger plugs, it will yield fewer plugs from each sheet.

- 1. *Dampen the sheets before cutting.*** Cut the sheets using sharp floral or garden shears (something with a spring is best). The size of the plug you cut determines the number of plugs each sheet will yield. The easiest way to cut the plugs is to cut strips the desired width then cut the strips into the desired length of the plug.  
**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" around where you will plant each plug if possible to encourage the zoysia to spread.

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3. If planting within an existing lawn, mow your lawn as low as possible. If the area is dry, water the area to make hole preparation easier.

4. Using an auger or small trowel, dig holes for whatever spacing you decide on (4, 6, 12, 18 or 24 inches apart). The holes should be slightly deeper & wider than the plugs. Stagger the rows 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 partially refill the hole. Put the roots of the plug in the hole (the plug should sit a little higher than the soil line). Use the remaining soil to fill in around the sides of the plug. **DO NOT BURY THE ENTIRE PLUG WITH DIRT.**

6. Step on each plug firmly to make sure the roots contact the loose soil beneath and remove air space between the roots and the soil. **DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP.**

7. Using a gentle spray, not a heavy stream, water the plugs *daily*, for 15 minutes *for the first three weeks. THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP.* Do not water if you have had rain that day. *Amazoy zoysia is a drought tolerant grass; too much watering can damage the roots.* After the first 3 weeks, water the plugs *only* if you are having very dry weather (no rain for 2-3 weeks) and the plugs are looking stressed.

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 on the highest possible setting so as to not disturb the plugs. If you choose to fertilize your new plugs only use our STIM-U-ROOT starter fertilizer. Nutri-20 fertilizer is specially formulated for established Amazoy zoysia grass and can be used as often as 3 times per year.

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

# General Weed Control with Amazoy Zoysia Grass Lawns:

When using any type of weed control, check the label to make sure the product is safe for zoysia grass and follow the label instructions for applying.

A variety of zoysia-safe weed control products are described on our website: [www.zoysiafarms.com](http://www.zoysiafarms.com).

## Before Planting:

You can use most spray type post-emergent broadleaf weed control 4 weeks prior to planting zoysia. The less weeds & other grasses in the yard, the quicker Amazoy zoysia 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 control weeds while your Amazoy lawn is getting established (after 45 days) using any zoysia-safe pre or post-emergent broadleaf weed control. Pre-emergent weed controls are designed to work on weed seeds and weeds that are not visible in the lawn.

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 seeds and in late August or early September for winter weed seeds.

Once weeds are visible, use a post-emergent spray weed control. Post-emergent weed control will not kill weed seeds.

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## 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 STIM-U-ROOT or Nutri-20, which are specially formulated for use on Amazoy zoysia grass. Established Amazoy zoysia can be fertilized in May, June and September.

If fertilizing newly planted plugs, use our STIM-U-ROOT after planting, which is a starter fertilizer designed to help grow healthy roots.

## QUICK START INSTRUCTIONS for Planting Amazoy Zoysia Plugs:

1. Mow existing grass as low as possible
2. Water the area
3. Dig holes 4" – 24" apart
4. Place plugs in holes
5. Step on each plug
6. Lightly water daily for 15 minutes for the first 3 weeks

### Our Guarantee:

Our guarantee is to replace any plug that fails to produce new green shoots within 45 days of planting.

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

**Observe the growth for 45 days. Amazoy zoysia grass needs consistent temperatures in the 70s to grow new roots and 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 1 year after the date of shipment of your most recent order.**

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

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