

# The Sunbelt Times

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We will be closed 11/18-11/26

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## Ground Preparation for Sod Installation

Installed sod follows the contour of the ground. What does this mean? If there are lumps, bumps, holes, etc. in your graded soil, your new sod will be lumpy, bumpy & have holes as well. Think of sod as laying down a blanket - if you lay down a blanket over a lumpy pile of garbage, you're going to see the blanket take on the shape of the lumpy pile of garbage. A smooth, even grade offers the best base for a successful sod installation.

In addition to a smooth grade, the right grade depth is an important factor in sod installation as well. For Bahia, there is usually 1/2"-3/4" of soil, not including the grass blades themselves. That being said, a proper grade will account for this depth to prevent sod from standing (cont'd page 2)

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## Ground Preparation for Sod Installation (cont'd)

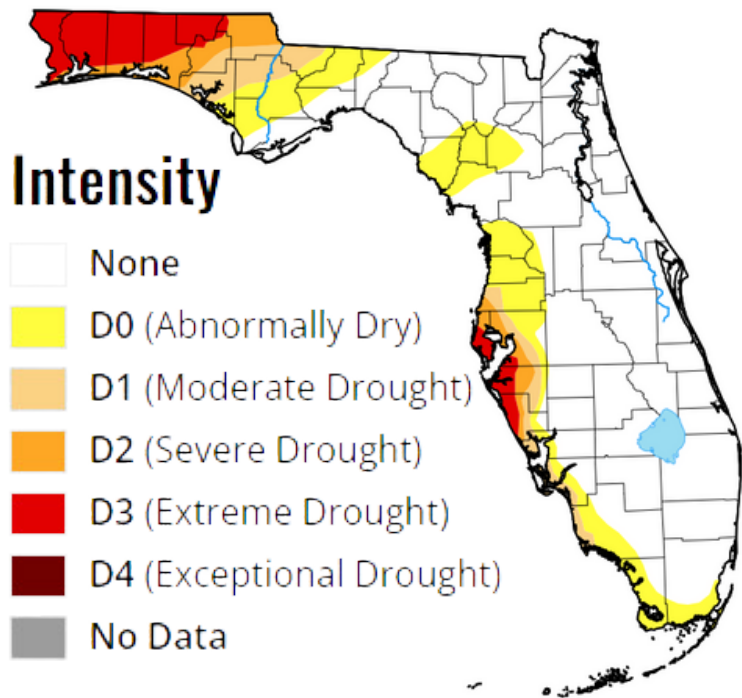
taller than the nearby concrete, asphalt, or other material that we are sodding up against. This is important for not only aesthetic purposes, but also for drainage purposes. If the soil, roots & sod are standing taller than the material it's up against, then water will not properly flow & drain off of the other material into the grass as is intended in most cases. Please pay close attention to your site specs & account for the proper depths when preparing your site for an upcoming sod installation. In the event you are unsure of how much to accommodate for, you're always welcome to call us! Some varieties such as Hybrid Bermudas have less soil, so should be graded at a shorter depth - it will vary based on variety.

## Drought Conditions

We talked a couple months ago about the record drought Florida has experienced in 2023. Unfortunately, those conditions have not made much, if any, improvement. Please keep in mind that all new sod requires water in order to establish & thrive.

During drought conditions, increased water schedules & quantities will be needed as we are unable to rely on any natural water sources such as rain that we would normally have to assist.

Additionally, it's important to remember that **Bahia fields are not irrigated**. As such, Bahia is incredibly dry right now & will continue to be dry until we begin receiving regular rains. This will be evident in its color (or lack thereof), as well as how well it holds in pieces.





## Polk Parkway All Electronic Toll Conversion

We're excited to be working with our friends at C. W. Roberts Contracting on the Polk Parkway All-Electronic Toll Conversion project. This project is working to implement All Electronic Toll Collection to a cashless system. This project includes conversion of eight different existing toll plaza interchanges, as well as removal of one toll plaza, converting two mainline toll plazas, and construction one mainline toll site. This project also includes advance guide signage along I-4. We're happy to be a part of a project like this that is bound to improve the drivability of the Polk Parkway as a whole!

### Quick & Easy Pumpkin Mousse Recipe

#### Step 1:

Melt the butter in a large skillet. Stir in the marshmallows, milk & pumpkin. Stir frequently until melted & smooth. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla & canned pumpkin. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

#### Step 2:

Combine confectioners' sugar and heavy cream in a large bowl. Use an electric mixer to beat until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream into cooled pumpkin mixture. Pour mousse into ramekins or chocolate shells. Cover & refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.



1 tbsp butter

24 marshmallows

1/2 c milk

1/2 c canned pumpkin

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tsp pumpkin pie spice

1/3 c confectioners' sugar

1 c heavy cream



## ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNBELT SOD WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING  
11/20/23 AND WILL RETURN FOR NORMAL  
BUSINESS HOURS ON 11/27/23