Suggestions for maintenance of your new sod:

The City of Minneapolis has employed a contractor to place topsoil and sod in your boulevard as part of the recent paving project. Although the work performed by the contractor will be inspected and must meet certain standards, the proper maintenance of the boulevard is the property owner's responsibility.

1. Proper Watering: Water is critical to the establishment of a hearty root structure. The sod must be watered in a sufficient and timely fashion.

Full development may take a full year. Those areas of direct sun require more water than those in partial or complete shade, but remember: it is very important to never let new sod dry out.

2. Proper Mowing: A basic rule is to never remove more than 1/3 of the grass height during a single mowing.

Example: If the grass is 3" high, set the mowing height to 2". For insured success, do not allow grass to grow to 6" or more and then cut it extremely short. Doing so may injure the sod irreversibly. Bluegrass should never be cut under 2". During mid-summer heat, 3" mowing height is advised.