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## **Media Advisory Sod Replacement**

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Effective immediately, to make it easier for residents to replace damaged sod in the right-of-way, the Punta Gorda City Council is allowing property owners temporarily (until May 1, 2023) to permit and replace sod without hiring a contractor. Permit applications are available at the Building Department located on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 126 Harvey Street in Punta Gorda. After a homeowner completes the permit application, a request for a set grade will need to be made to the building department. The City's Engineering Department staff will then set grade stakes for the placement of sod. After the sod has been installed a second request for a final inspection will need to be made to the building department so that the Engineering Department can inspect the installation. The Punta Gorda City Council has reduced the fee for the permit by 50% to \$50.00, and Code Compliance Officers will not be enforcing the exposed soils ordinance until August 1, 2023.

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