



CLARIFICATIONS

Sewer/Water Line Installation or Repair

- 1) Backfill trench or hole with existing excavated dirt.
 - 2) Leave dirt mounded to settle.
 - 3) Final grading or seeding not included.
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Why Leaving the Dirt Mounded Serves a Purpose!

Your first reaction.....

- What did they do to my yard?
- Why was the installation or repair not fully completed?
- Was the work done incorrectly?
- Surely, they would not leave a large mound of dirt in the front yard or running throughout the yard, right?

Wrong, the plumbing contractor leaves the dirt mounded because it must settle. If the dirt leveled right away and does not have time to settle, you could end up with a nice hole or trench running throughout your yard.

Dirt Settle? Why and How Does Dirt Settle!

Let us look at how and why dirt settles.

- Soil is typically composed of a mixture of minerals, organic matter, air, and water. The minerals found in the soil typically vary in size, from small stones to tiny particles. Air and water end up between these particles. When soil continually sits in one spot, it becomes increasingly compressed as time goes on. So, during a sewer/water installation or repair when the excavator starts digging, all those years of compression become disturbed, and air is reintroduced.
- Now while all plumbing contractors performing a sewer/water installation or repair will do their best to compact the soil the best they can before leaving your home or business, there still needs to be an extended period of time to allow the dirt to settle and eliminate as much air in the soil as possible.

Can I Speed Up the Dirt Settling Process

There is not much else you can do to speed up the settling process, which can generally take several months. A lot of rain can make the process take less time, but it all depends on what time of year the installation or repair was completed in.

Seeding and Strawing Disturbed Soil!

Why doesn't the plumbing contractor put down grass seed or straw when the work is completed?

- The new grass seed may or may not grow depending on the time of year.
- The new grass seed may not match the grass currently in your yard.
- It is in the best interests of the homeowner to seed or straw their own yard once the soil has settled or hire a landscaping company to take care of it for them using the correct grass seed or new sod to repair the lawn.



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Example Sewer Installation



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Example Water Repair



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