



INSTANT TURF INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

GROUND AND SOIL PREPARATION

To give your lawn the best possible start, it is important that you prepare your soil properly before planting any turf. If you are starting on an area with no existing lawn, be sure to clear, level and prepare the site.

If you have an existing lawn or weeds, poison and clear the area and till the soil so your new lawn can achieve good soil contact.

Rake and lightly roll the area. High spots should be levelled off and low areas filled in until the area is firm and level.

A simple gauge of firmness is that footprints should not be seen more than 10mm deep. The final levels should be 40mm below pathways and/or boundaries.

Before laying, we advised that you spread Dynamic Lifter at 20kg per 100m²

INSTALLING THE LAWN

1. Start straight - use a boundary or path as a guide
2. Make sure to butt and push edges against each other tightly. Avoid gaps and overlapping. Stagger the joints in a brick-like fashion.
3. Use a sharp serrated knife to cut corners and overhang to achieve your desired plan. Where possible, try not to use smaller cuts or narrow strips at outer edges as they will tend to dry out.
4. Water and roll down your lawn as soon as possible to smooth out bumps and air pockets. Good soil contact will encourage establishment.
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AFTER CARE

Use your newly laid lawn sparingly until good root establishment has taken place. This is typically three (3) to four (4) weeks after installation.

WATERING YOUR NEWLY LAID LAWN

It is vital that your lawn is kept moist enough to survive hot, dry and windy conditions. This may mean watering up to five (5) times a day for five (5) minutes in extreme conditions. In cooler weather, watering twice a day, for short periods.

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The lawn must then stay very damp for the next 21 days – do not allow the lawn to dry out.

Note: There are no roots in the soil yet, so all moisture comes from above.

GENERAL LAWN MAINTENANCE

Fertilising your lawn

We recommend you fertilise your new lawn after it has been established for about six (6) weeks. We recommend that you fertilise your lawn three (3) to four (4) times a year. In spring, fertilise with a complete fertiliser that contains nitrogen to bounce your lawn out of its winter hibernation. Fertilise again in summer. Autumn is the time to prepare your lawn for winter with a fertiliser high in potassium to give your lawn the protection it needs for the cold winter months.

Mowing your lawn

When your new lawn cannot be lifted, you can mow. This will typically be approximately 14-21 days after laying (or possibly longer in cooler weather). For your first mow, just remove the tips of growth. Mowing is important as it strengthens the root system, making the lawn robust and vigorous. To achieve the best appearance, be sure to keep your mowing blades sharp. Mowing can take place every 7-14 days during spring and summer and every two (2) to five (5) weeks during autumn and winter as necessary. We recommend that you remove no more than one third of the leave blade in each mow.

Watering your lawn

When your turf has established, you should begin a normal watering routine. Unlike during the establishment period, less frequent and deeper watering is recommended. This encourages deep rooting which is vital in achieving drought tolerance.

Note: A newly laid lawn can take up to 8-12 months before it has fully established a deep enough root system to achieve its maximum drought tolerance. Your new lawn may require more water during its first summer.