

INSTALLING YOUR NEW LAWN - PREPARATION, INSTALLATION & ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

If you plan and lay your lawn with care then your new lawn will be easy to care for and keep looking beautiful.

If you follow the key steps, of preparation, laying & establishment you'll have a beautiful lawn for years to come.

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PRE-PREPARATION

Schedule your turf arrival or pickup after all site preparations have been completed.

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1. Plan & Measure

Measure the proposed lawn area in square metres before ordering.

2. Site Preparation

A little care with good soil preparation will greatly simplify the after care of your lawn.

Poor white, grey and yellow sands:

Water and nutrient capacity is greatly increased by blending 1 large bag of pelletised chicken manure and 1 bag of peat to 30-50 sq metres of lawn area, together with 1kg of hydro beads(water absorbing crystals) to 75-100 sq metres.

Black Loam sands:

This soil type requires little amendment if they are naturally friable.

Rocky limestone sands:

Amend as for poor white, grey and yellow sands and be not less than 25 cm deep above sheet rock. If soil is to be added use Special Lawn Blend available from soil companies, which requires no further additives.

Ironstone or cap rock:

This soil should be covered with at least 25cm of soil for healthy growth. Add gypsum to heavy clays to improve friability and drainage.

LAYING Prompt installation after delivery or pick up is advised. If delays occur, keep turf preferably in the shade and well watered.

3. Laying The Turf

Begin laying turf along any straight edged path or driveway butting ends tightly together, then using a baton pull the edges over so as to lightly meet the preceding turf roll or edging.

Stagger end joints as in brick laying.

Cut around garden beds, corners and sprinklers using a large sharp knife.

After installing each section water in well and roll with a heavy roller, or compact with a brick paving compactor to leave a consolidated and beautiful new lawn.

It is strongly advised to lightly topdress buffalo lawns with clean sand, particularly in the warmer months and where rolls butt together.

ESTABLISHMENT & MAINTENANCE

4. Watering

90% of problems with lawns can be directed at watering practices.

Soil water repellence results in dry patches in lawns, which is a significant problem on the Perth coastal plain.

Check by adding several drops of water to a soil sample from your lawn area. If water takes longer than 5 seconds to soak in, treat with Wetta Soil or an equivalent wetting agent. Repeat if necessary in severe cases.

Newly laid lawn should be watered sufficiently to saturate the turf and the underneath soil.

Remember - long, thorough watering followed by several days without water will encourage a strong, deep root system and a happy, healthy lawn.

5. Ongoing Maintenance

Mow your instant lawn within 10- 15 days of installation (or when lawn has started to take root), thereafter weekly during the summer months to maintain a leaf height between 25mm to 50mm (can be left even longer in areas of shade). Mow longer in late autumn to assist colour retention during winter.

Use water wisely.

A guide to establishing a healthy lawn...

- 0 - 21 days** 10 - 5 minutes watering time mornings midday and evening using one extra in periods of extreme heat (35 degrees plus)
- 21 -30 days** use 20 minutes once per day early morning
- 30-60 days** use 30 minutes every second day
- Over 60 days** 30- 40 minutes every third day (in cases of extreme heat - over 35 degrees or if wilting occurs water every second day)

Gear drive sprinklers require more time than the recommendations above.

Fertilise Autumn and Spring, preferably with a slow-release fertiliser at the manufacturer's recommended rates.

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