

Watering for Establishment



Keep your lawn moist during the establishment period — this is generally about two weeks — but depends on the time of year, weather conditions and where you are located. The key is don't let your lawn dry out!

Also, you need to be thorough and systematic, ensuring you water all areas. Watering 4 times a day in warm conditions is quite normal.

For example;

- Early morning
- Mid / late morning
- Late afternoon
- Early evening

Now you don't need to flood your lawn, just be sure to keep the turf and immediate underlying soil moist.



Your lawn will let you know if it is drying out by its appearance and behaviour. The leaf blades will start to curl, shrivel and dry out so you'll know when it needs a drink.

HOT CONDITIONS

During hot conditions, especially if it is windy the lawn will dry out very quickly and more watering may be required.

IRRIGATION

The best way to water is by overhead irrigation, in fact to establish a new lawn, overhead watering is the only way.

Portable sprinklers attached to the end of a hose are cheap and efficient. Just move them around the lawn as required. A tap timer will ensure you don't leave the water on for too long and waste water.



An in-ground, pop-up irrigation system takes it a step further, this can be connected by a manual tap timer, or a computer controlled timer that is programmed to run as required.

Hooking up a pop-up system to a rain tank and using recycled water is the most environmentally friendly and cost effective method.

GREY WATER

Grey water is the wastewater from washing machines, laundry tubs, baths, showers and wash basins. It does NOT include wastewater from the toilet, dishwasher or kitchen sink, as these can contain unwanted solids and potentially unhealthy nasties.

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Grey water can be used on the garden and lawn either by bucket or a grey water re-use system. This is a good way to recycle your grey water, reduce pressure on greywater waste systems and also save on valuable drinking water, as well as money.

If you want to use greywater, be sure to use friendly, suitable detergents that won't harm your plants and lawn.

Speak to a specialist in your area for more information.

UNDERGROUND WATER

If you live in sand belts such as Perth, underground water can be tapped into by a bore or a spear. Contact your local council to see if underground water is available in your area.

SIR LAUNCHER

Sir Launcher is a blend of fertiliser and Moisture Magnets premium water crystals that should be used when laying a new lawn, establishing a new lawn from seed, or planting out a new garden.

Sir Launcher contains a ready supply of essential nutrients to really get your lawn or garden established, as well as the water storage crystals to reduce the chance of your lawn or plants drying out during the critical early stages, in so saving you water.

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