



# INSTALLING YOUR NEW LAWN TIP SHEET

*So, you've ordered your new turf to be delivered, what next? Here are some handy tips and hints about installing your new lawn to optimise establishment and growth!*

It's best to have your turf delivered on the day you intend to install it and it's important to have all your preparation work completed prior to the turf being delivered. Make sure your surface is nice and even. Your turf will be harvested the day before your delivery and will be in distress, so the quicker you can install and water it, the better!

## **Laying Your New Lawn**

If using a starter fertiliser, spread evenly over your soil before laying out the turf

Start with a straight edge like a pathway, driveway or fence to ensure you are

laying your turf evenly! Make sure you place the rolls close together, so the edges are touching, making sure there are no gaps between the rolls. This will help minimise the turf drying out.

Lay the turf in a brickwork pattern, staggering the joins, this will help the turf grow in and fill any gaps.

You can use a sharp knife or box cutter to trim around trees, garden edges or to cut off small pieces that don't fit.

## **Watering**

Watering your new lawn as soon as it is installed is vital to its survival and growth. It is recommended that you use a sprinkler system or a soaker hose to ensure that the lawn is watered evenly and efficiently. If you are turfing a large area, get someone to start watering behind you as you go!

Make sure the water has seeped through to the soil and that the soil is moist. It is best to keep the soil moist for 3 - 4 weeks, which will require regular watering daily, and more frequently if the weather is warm or windy. Once the roots have started to establish, you can water less, however a deep water once or twice a week is recommended for root health and continued growth. If possible, watering in the morning is optimal.

## **Fertilising**

If you have used a starter fertiliser, that should be sufficient for around 6 - 8 weeks, otherwise, you should fertilise your new lawn within 2 - 4 weeks of installation. Make sure you water the fertiliser in to prevent it burning your new lawn. To promote a healthy lawn, you should fertilise in Spring, mid-Summer and early Autumn.



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