



LAWN CARE GUIDE

Now you have your new lawn you will need to make sure that it is looked after. Here are a few tips to ensure that you will have a great lawn!

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Watering: Your lawn will need to be watered **DAILY**. During hot windy months you will need to water it **TWICE** a day. You need to ensure that you are keeping the turf moist, until it is firmly rooted (about 2 weeks) then less frequent and deeper watering should begin. This can be done with either a sprinkler system (irrigation or above ground) or hand held hoses.

Weather conditions will dictate the frequency and amount of watering. It is very important that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods. Water areas near buildings more often as these can be covered by eaves and reflected heat can dry the grass.

Mowing:

The turf can be mowed when it is rooted. Be sure to remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade. During the spring/early summer growth period, mowing frequently is very important. This will encourage a thicker grass sward.

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Watering: For the first 5-6 weeks never let your lawn dry out as this ensures early establishment of the lawn's root structure and reduces competition of weeds and rogue grasses.

On average a new lawn needs 7-15mm of water per day spread out over 24 hours. Never let your lawn puddle in the first 3 weeks as this can cause seed to rot and die. Depending on the weather you would be looking at watering morning and night for 20-30 minutes.

Mowing:

Ensure your lawn mower blades are sharp to reduce infection from ragged cut. Your lawn will need mowing when it reaches 50-60mm high – at about 28 days depending on the season. Mowing height should be 40mm high for the first five mows with all the clippings caught and removed. After the first five mows you can reduce the height to 35mm but the golden rule is never cut more than a third of the blade height.

Fertiliser:

For constant spreading and growth use a slow release fertiliser every 6-8 weeks from 1st September though to 31st May – this is 6-7 applications at a rate of 2.5kg per 100m² using a spreader. Ensure water is applied within 12 hours to ensure no burning of turf.

