

# Guide to turfing your new Lawn

Preparing the ground is probably the most important factor in establishing a sustainable lawn. Remove any existing turf by slicing the turf away from beneath its roots. Should the area be too large then you should consider hiring a turf cutter

Turn over soil thoroughly to a depth of at least 15cm with a spade or a cultivator, weeding and clearing any stones as you go.

Tread the surface or roll it to reveal any soft patches and any high or low spots. Repeat this operation, raking in between until the area is level and firm but not compacted.

Order you Turf, which is harvested to order. This will be supplied in compact rolls for easy handling. This should be laid within 24 hours of delivery for best results. Each roll is a square metre. Make sure the ground is prepared in advance of the turf being delivered avoiding any delays in laying due to bad weather.

Laying the turf using planks or boards to work from prevents troughs forming in the prepared soil or newly laid turf.

Start by laying full lengths around the lawn perimeter. Small pieces should be avoided around the edges as they may dry out.

Work from the plank or board placed on the previous strip that you have laid. Butt adjoining edges against each other avoiding stretching the turf. Start on the longest run and continue strip by strip producing a pattern similar to brickwork. Use a sharp knife to cut off overlapping pieces.

Water immediately or within half an hour of laying. Repeat watering each day until the roots are established. As a guide this should be for a period of at least 2 hours per day. When the weather is hot or windy then you should increase the amount of water applied each day.

Feed the lawn every four to six weeks during the growing season with a balanced fertiliser. Always follow the manufacturers recommendations.

Mowing the lawn should only be done after the new lawn has fully rooted. Use the mowers highest setting to avoid stressing the grass. Remove no more than a third of the grass height. When fully established cut to a height of between 15mm and 35mm.

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