



AFTERCARE

NEW LAWN INSTALLATION

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DEAR CUSTOMER

We have now completed your new lawn and would like to thank you for allowing us to be of service to you. Please find following suggestions of after care for your lawn to help ensure it takes growth and establishes well.

WATERING

Week 1

- Deep water twice a day. Deep watering is getting water to the root system. Time varies depending on the type of sprinkler used, therefore determine the length of time for your sprinkler by placing a cup underneath the sprinkler. Time how long it takes for the sprinkler to fill the cup to 3cm (approximately 1 inch) and this is the length of time required for a deep water.
 - You must water using overhead sprinklers which is allowed between 5pm and 10am daily.*
 - Do not use a hand held hose unless between 10am and 5pm.*
 - Do not use sub surface irrigation for the first three weeks after new lawn installation (if installing in winter when lawn is dormant, don't use subsurface irrigation until spring when your lawn has taken root properly.)
- *Refer to winter instructions when relevant.

Week 2

- Water once a day

Week 3

- Water once every second day and as the weeks progress gradually stretch it out to water 1-2 times a week (pending turf and weather conditions).

Note

- Fescue requires more watering than any other grass and more often even when established.
- On hot days, your lawn may require extra water especially if you can see any signs of stress (i.e. colour change, lawn not bouncing back, graying lawn), then please water your lawn.

MOWING

- The lawn can be mowed after 7-10 days, once it has taken root or cannot be lifted.
- Cutting only the top third off the leaf initially, and then your lawn can be gradually cut lower, depending on lawn type.
- Recommended height for Kikuyu approx. 20mm, Couch to around 15mm, Buffalo 30-40mm.

FERTILISING

- Our recommendation is to feed the lawn 6-8 weeks after it has been first laid, then every season.
- We offer a follow up service where at a cost we can do this for you automatically and report on your lawn while we are there.

SUMMER GRASSES (COUCH, KIKUYU AND BUFFALO)

In winter, the soil under the lawn slabs must be kept damp. Water is needed using a hose or sprinklers from above, ensuring that your lawn has had an even watering. Gently pull back a corner of a lawn slab to check the soil moisture. Growth also slows down during winter, therefore mowing needs to be delayed to accommodate this. Once the lawn has taken root and has started showing new growth, mowing is recommended. If prolific weed growth starts to set in, a gentle mow to take the top off (instead of spraying) can help deter the weeds.

At the beginning of spring is a great time to fertilise the lawn. This should take place each year to bring your winter lawn out of dormancy – not just this year due to frost damage.

Additionally, try to keep traffic on the new lawn to a minimum as much as possible to avoid soil compaction until the roots have begun to establish.

PLEASE NOTE

- Lawns are like any other growing, living thing; then too suffer disease and are prone to attacks from nature in the form of insects and weather.
- If you see any change in the lawn or are at all concerned, please ring us in the office so we can advise you the best we can, or arrange for someone to call.

Thank you for choosing us.

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