



AFTERCARE

(SUPPLY OF) NEW INSTANT LAWN

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DEAR CUSTOMER

Thank you for allowing us to be of service! We have now delivered your new lawn. Please find the following suggestions on aftercare for your lawn to assist in establishing and caring for your lawn. Please keep traffic light and to a minimum to avoid damaging turf, and disturbing the levels and compaction of the soil.

WATERING

Week 1

Newly laid turf requires the sods and the soil just under the surface to be kept damp as the root system has been cut and needs to regrow into the soil while keeping the sods alive. Be careful not to overwater or wash out the soil.

- Water minimum twice daily using overhead sprinklers. Ensure it is long enough for the water to penetrate the sods and wet the soil underneath to 1/4" deep.
- To save constant checking, time how long it takes to achieve this.
- Your lawn will require more frequent watering if the weather is hot or windy, or if the lawn is in a sunny position, such as near a fence or hard surface that may reflect light or draw moisture from the soil. This could be 5-6 times a day depending on the conditions.
- Unless water restrictions dictate differently, do not use a hand held hose.
- Do not use subsurface irrigation for the first 3 weeks. If installing lawn during winter when lawn is dormant, do not use until spring and after the lawn has taken root. Refer to *Winter Care instructions when relevant.

Week 2

- Your turf will be starting to take root* so regular watering can be reduced to once a day, for a longer period.
- In the case of hot weather please water at least 2-3 times a day.

Week 3

- Reduce watering to once every second day, for longer periods.
- As the weeks progress, gradually adjust to deep waters 1-2 times per week, depending on turf type, installation time, and weather conditions. Deep waters mean getting the water to the root system. To determine how long to water to get a deep water, place a cup underneath your sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill up to 1".

Note

- Kentucky Bluegrass and Fescue require different watering and care, please see individual turf instructions.
- Lawns require extra water on hot days, especially if there are signs of stress such as colour change, greying, purple, or sods drying out along edges. In these instances please water your lawn immediately.

MOWING

- Lawns can be mowed once they have taken root. Assess this by lightly tugging on the corners of slabs to check that they cannot be lifted. This can occur as early as 7-10 days after laying, but may take longer depending on the lawn type and time of year*. Do not mow if lawn can still be lifted off ground.
- After the first mow, and during growing season, lawns should be mowed every 7-10 days.
- Outside of growing season mowing can be reduced to every 2-3 weeks, to keep lawn level and minimise weeds.
- Only ever cut 1/3 of the leaf off in one cut. If the lawn has been left to grow too long, still follow this rule and gradually drop the mower blades over a few mows until you reach the desired lawn height for your lawn type.
- Recommended heights: Kikuyu 20-35mm, Couch/Bermuda 10-30mm, Buffalo 30-50mm, Sir Grange 10-50mm, Bluegrass/Fescue 35-50mm.

FERTILISING AND TREATMENTS

- We recommend feeding lawns 6-8 weeks after laying, then every 8-12 weeks depending on turf type/situation.
- We offer a Follow Up Service where we fertilise and provide a report with recommendations, at a cost.

*WINTER CARE FOR SUMMER GRASSES (COUCH, BERMUDA, KIKUYU, BUFFALO, SIR GRANGE)

Lawns that are laid outside of their growing season will take longer to root in, and extra care is needed to ensure they are kept alive. On dry days keep the sods and soil damp using overhead sprinklers. After rains check that water has reached any lawn under trees, shrubs or obstacles, and water if dry. Weeds can be pulled out as they appear, depending on weed type. It is not recommended to apply any treatments to newly laid turf, especially if it is dormant. If frost damage is affecting the tips of the lawn, a quick water can help wash it off.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Lawns are a living, growing thing and if not kept healthy are easily susceptible to damage from weather, insects, weeds or diseases.
- Please don't hesitate to ask our staff/office for advice if you see any changes in turf colour or condition.
- Our trading terms for turf supply are strictly payment on order. For your convenience we accept credit card payments over the phone, or cash and card in the office (Visa or Mastercard only).

Thank you for choosing us.

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Please amend as per current water restrictions which can be found at www.sawater.com.au