

A step-by-guide to turfing your lawn

Save your time and effort with growing a lawn of your own! With our cultivated lawns, you can enjoy a beautiful and mature lawn instantly. Here are a few steps that you need to follow to add a quality finish to your new lawn.

Preparing

A depth of at least 100mm (4 inches) of good quality topsoil is recommended for growing lawns. You may need to buy some additional topsoil if you don't think you've got enough, or if you need to raise the height to surrounding levels.

At this stage, it's well worth thinking about digging organic matter into your soil. For example, if you have very sandy soils, organic matter will add structure to the soil, and improve its ability to retain moisture and nutrients. If you have heavy clay soil, the addition of organic matter will help break up the clay and make it easier to work. It will also improve the drainage.

Dig over the soil, (a rotavator is desirable for larger areas), and remove any weeds and rocks etc. Rake to a rough level. At this point, walk over the whole area on your heels - this consolidates the soil, making sure that you are not left with soft spots. It's worth taking time over this part of the job to avoid uneven settling of the soil later on.

Apply a general fertilizer according to the manufacturer's instructions, and mix thoroughly into the top 50mm of soil. Rake over to obtain the final level and a fine tilth. This level should be the height of joining areas so that the turf sits proud once laid. This allows for settlement,

Ordering

Measure your lawn accurately in square meters. Our Turf is supplied in rolls for easy laying. Since the turf is cut to order, ensure you give us enough time to deliver. The preparing work for laying out the turf should be carried out well in advance, at least a minimum of 24 hours before you place the order.

Laying

Start by laying one strip of turf around the outside of your lawn. Make sure you avoid using small strips on the edges since they dry out quickly. In case you have curving borders in your lawn, you can cut the strips and shape them accordingly.

Lay the first row along the longest straight line and work across the lawn by staggering the joints in each row. Butt and push the edges and ends against each other, but don't stretch the turf. The turf should be in full contact with the soil. Avoid walking on newly laid turf.

Watering

Water your newly laid turf within half an hour after laying. Soak the turf completely and check if the water has seeped through the turf and into the soil below. You can check this by turning up a corner of your turf. Continue watering your turf until it has been established.

Make sure that your new lawn has enough moisture to withstand hot, dry or windy weather. If you're laying your lawn on a hot day, you must water it at least 3 times in a day.

95% of problems in newly laid lawns are down to lack of water. Lack of attention in these early stages causes long term damage which cannot be rectified. First signs are usually gaps appearing in the turf and by a discolouration usually at the ends or edges of each turf.

Mowing

We recommend you not to mow your lawn until it has rooted. You can check this by lifting up a corner of the turf and see if the roots are attached to the soil.

Set our lawnmower to the highest setting. Don't scalp your lawn during early mowing sessions. Ensure you remove only 1/3rd of the grass every time you mow. Once your lawn is set, you can mow it to whichever length you see fit.

