

Installation Guide.

1. Measuring And Ordering

- With a tape, measure the area of your planned lawn by multiplying length by width (squaring off as best as possible). If you have curves it may be necessary to order a couple of extra metres.
- We prefer to harvest to order so after preparatory work is completed and you are ready to install, phone through your order at least 2 working days before delivery or pick up is required.
- Make sure your measurements are correct as we are not able to take turf back or give refunds if you over order.

2. Soil Preparation

- Rake the soil to remove any rocks, rubbish or roots.
- To grow a healthy lawn you need at least 150mm of good quality top soil (250mm if in the Hills) or amend your existing soil to the same depth.
- To amend your soil (if it is just Perth black sand), thoroughly mix Bentonite Clay, which helps hold the water in the root zone (2kg per metre) and Humus soil conditioner (20L per 50sqm) to a depth of 150mm.
- Level the area and spread pelletised manure (5kg for every 50sqm) and lawn specific fertiliser (5kg for every 100sqm) on the surface
- The soil should be 30mm below paths to allow for the thickness of the turf, and pop up sprinklers should be at about soil level so they will be below the turf when installation is complete.
- Eliminate drainage problems by having soil slope away from foundations etc

3. Installation

- Install your lawn within 24 hours; 12 hours if the temperature is above 32°C. This is crucial to a strong beginning for your instant lawn.
- Begin installing turf along the longest straight line.
- Lay rolls tightly against each other avoiding gaps or overlaps and stagger the joins in a brick-work fashion.
- Cut the rolls with a large serrated knife.
- For a smooth finish; roll or compact the lawn to ensure that the roots are bedded into your soil.
- During the first few weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn to give it an opportunity to establish

4. Watering

- For efficient water use and to maintain a healthy lawn you need a professionally designed automatic reticulation system.
- The spray from each sprinkler should land at the base of the sprinkler next to it (head to head coverage). Check sprinklers intermittently for blockages or damage.
- Hoses and moveable sprinklers are inefficient and less likely to provide even coverage.
- Your lawn needs to be kept moist at all times during the establishment period. A dry lawn is more susceptible to disease and health problems in general. (See below for watering schedule).
- Over the first 8 weeks, reduce the frequency of watering but increase the amount per session when reducing to every second day (see below).
- Remember when there is wind, your sprinklers will not perform as they should and extra watering may be required.
- Soft leaf buffalo may need supplementary watering during the summer heat waves if in full sun.
- Amending your soils with Bentonite clay and humus soil conditioners will help to reduce water usage

5. Water Exemptions

- Water Authority exemptions are available when establishing new lawns. Call 13 13 85 for details

6. Summer Watering Schedule

- We recommend following the watering schedule below for the first two months.
- (10mm per session to start with, increasing to 25mm from week 4)
- Week 1: Three times a day 9 am – 12 noon – 3 pm
- Week 2: Twice a day 10 am – 2 pm
- Week 3: Once a day at 12 noon
- Week 4 – 8: Once every 2nd day in the morning
- Week 8 onwards: Twice a week in the morning
- After 8 weeks, if temperatures exceed 34°C on consecutive days, subsequent watering sessions by hand will be required.

7. Winter

- Need to use common sense but we recommend following schedule from week 3.