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Turf Preparation and Aftercare

Special care practices need to be applied to all new roll-on lawns in order that they successfully establish themselves by setting down new roots into the soil and begin successfully and continuing to grow on their own in their new environments.

Abulk Turf use and recommend all “Lawn Pride” products. Whether its fertilizer or chemical spray, we can help to advise what is best.

There are several lawn care routines we must follow with these new lawns, some are mandatory, while others are dependant on environmental conditions at the individual location where the new lawn was planted.

Underlay

Purchasing a good quality turf underlay is just as important as choosing your new lawn. Its what your new lawn will be living on and you want to give it the best opportunity to thrive as you can. We normally recommend to apply 50mm of turf underlay.

If your have any pathways and would like to get your grass as level to your path as possible, you need to dig 100mm deep. 50mm will be turf underlay and your grass will be between 40mm-50mm high once mowed.

Laying Your Turf Rolls

When laying your turf rolls, it is essential to leave no gaps in between. This will only encourage weeds to grow through and also dry out the edges of the turf roll.

Start with a straight line along the longest edge. Once this is done, you can fill in all the gaps using a staggered pattern (similar to bricklaying).

You may need to shape the rolls around any garden beds, trees or drains with a sharp knife or spade.

Watering New Roll On Lawns

Watering new lawns is the first and most important factor in new lawns care. New lawns and especially the area directly underneath the new turf and between the soil – must never dry out.

Watering should be adjusted to specific environmental conditions at the time of year to achieve this. This may mean watering 4 times a day in the heat of Summer, while moderate weather may require 2 waterings a day, and mild weather only requiring the new roll-on lawn to be watered once per day. This frequent watering will need to continue until the lawn begins to set down new roots.

As the lawn progressively becomes more established by sending it's roots down into the soil, then watering can slowly be reduced over the next few weeks. By first halving the water for another week, and then continuing to reduce water over the weeks following – eventually reaching a regular watering pattern.

Fertilising New Roll On Lawns

New roll-on lawns should not need fertilising in the first 6 weeks. This is because the turf should arrive from the farm with fertiliser already applied to it, this fertiliser is perfectly blended for new lawns.

Prior to laying the new roll-on lawn, the soil should have also been prepared with an application of an 'Underturf Starter'. This contains both water crystals and fertilizer. The water crystals help retain the much needed moisture in the turfs first few weeks, while the fertilizer helps encourage the roots to spread!

We recommend to feed your lawn every season to achieve optimum results.

Ask one of our friendly staff to help you through these steps and always follow manufacturers instructions.

Lawn Mowing New Roll On Lawns

Lawn mowing should begin when the new roll on lawn has established it's roots into the soil, this is easily checked by grading the leaf of the roll-on lawn and attempting to pull up on it – if it doesn't move – it's time to mow!

Keep all early lawn mowing as high as possible for new roll-on lawn. We just want to keep the lawn tidy and encouraging more green leaf growth. Once the lawn is fully established – we can then begin reducing the lawn mowing height gradually, reducing cutting heights over several services until the desired height is achieved.