



TURF INSTALLATION GUIDE

1. Spray existing lawn area with a strong weed killer e.g roundup
2. Spade or roto-till the ground to 10-15cm deep
3. Add a good quality lawn mix soil to level edges and paths
4. Rake, tramp, and heel the soil to minimise settling after the turf is laid, this should be firm leaving a footprint but no indentation
5. Remove rocks and roots and rake lightly. Use a level for a smooth even surface.
6. Apply fertilizer to promote fast root growth
7. Steps to laying the turf:
 - Start by laying the turf along the longest straight edge, stand on boards when laying turf to avoid distributing the prepared lawn bed
 - Don't bend the turf around corners always lay in a straight line
 - Place the turf staggered in a brick-like pattern, press turf ends and edges together, don't stretch the turf
 - Try not to leave small strips on outer edges as they won't retain moisture
 - Using a sharp knife cut the ends off
 - Stay off the newly laid turf

WATERING GUIDE

SUMMER

- In hot weather water the turf 30 minutes after it's been laid
- Water the turf until it soaks through to the soil bed
- Water the turf daily or more for 2-3 weeks to keep grass moist, then water lawn less often and for shorter periods of time
- Make sure the lawn is not always wet/drowning in water as the roots need air to grow

SUMMER

- Water levels are usually sufficient enough in winter so know watering is needed unless unusually dry
- If the weather is hot and dry when the turf is laid then water the lawn slightly to keep turf moist without overdrowning it

MOWING GUIDE

- Start mowing 14-21 days after the turf has been laid, reduce watering a few days before mowing to ensure the ground is firm
- Cut off $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length of turf and remove clippings. Mow every 4 to 6 days in the first month of laying, then weekly
- Leave the grass on the longer side when first mowing, then reduce the height
- In the heat/summer season leave grass 5 to 10mm longer to help retain moisture

FERTILISING GUIDE

- A month after the turf has been laid growth will slow and the grass will begin to lose its colour, this is when quality fertiliser should start to be applied
- Only apply 3 to 4 kgs per 100 square meter of lawn
- Every 2 months fertiliser should be reapplied unless the lawn is looking lush and full of colour, then fertilising can be delayed. Apply fertiliser more often if the soil is poor and/or the grass is unhealthy