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New turf care tips



It is important to bear in mind that the care needs of new turf will vary according to the time of year it is laid and the weather where you live.



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If your lawn is laid in the autumn (September/October time) you will have to do less in order to maintain it. If your lawn is laid in the summer months, when the weather (in theory) should be warmer, the turf will need a lot more care, and in particular water. If you are in an area with a hose pipe ban we may need to lay your lawn either when the ban has been lifted, or when the weather becomes cooler.

Quick Care Tips for Newly Laid Turf

1 As soon as your new lawn has been laid be sure to water it well. You should water the turf for a considerable amount of time, this first watering is one of the most important ones. The water should soak through to the ground below.

2 Water your new turf daily after it has first been laid – for the first two weeks or so. If the weather is warm when your new turf is laid, be sure to water it either early in the morning, or later on in the evening, this prevents water evaporating in the heat of the sun. You may need to water your turf daily for up to a month if you've laid your new lawn during a warm summer.

If the temperature is under 10°C, like it is in the autumn, watering daily may not be necessary. To know when you need to water your new turf check the underside of it, it should be moist all the time for about a month after it has been laid, after this point you can reduce the amount of watering.

3 Once rooted be careful not to over-water your turf as this can encourage lawn disease. Lift up a corner of the turf and check its underside – it should be moist and dark, but not sopping wet.



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4 Do not walk on your new turf until its roots have bedded into the soil. This can take a number of weeks. You will know when the roots have rooted as you will not be able to lift up a corner of your new turf easily.

5 If your new turf has been laid on a slope, it can take longer to root in, so stay off it a little longer – perhaps six weeks or so to be safe.

6 Mowing can only begin when the newly laid turf is firmly rooted into the soil; this is usually three to four weeks after laying. Mowing is a stress to the plant so only mow when the grass is dry and never remove more than one third of grass height in one mowing pass. Mower blades must be sharp and correctly set to cleanly cut the grass plants. Incorrectly set and blunt mowers will damage your lawn and infrequent mowing will lead to a decline

in lawn quality. This can lead to a sparse lawn prone to disease and weed infestation. When mowing in the autumn and early spring, it is best to use one of the highest cutting settings on your mower anyway. The periods of peak grass growth usually occur in the Spring and Autumn. During these times you should really be mowing your lawn at least once a week. In the summer months growth tends to slow as rainfall is limited, so it may only be necessary to mow every other week. Mowing frequency can be reduced in the winter as wet lawns, slow growth and frosts reduce the opportunities to mow.

7 Once established feed your lawn twice yearly; once in the spring with a nitrogen rich lawn feed, and once in the autumn with fertiliser high in potash and phosphate.