

Lawn Care Tips

Ongoing Maintenance

Watering

Once the turf is established, one deep watering every ten days is required. This encourages the roots to chase the moisture deep into the soil profile. Deep, infrequent watering encourages a healthy root zone and is essential for a healthy lawn. Water early mornings when there is less wind and heat. Interrupt watering when puddles or run off occur. The aim of watering is to penetrate the soil.

Mowing

Mow your lawn for the first time four weeks after installation. Keep your mower set at the appropriate height for your lawn variety. Remove one third of the leaf blade when mowing. For optimum results, your new lawn will require weekly mowing in the warmer months and fortnightly mowing in the cooler months. Lawns in shaded areas may be cut higher.

Fertilising

The goal of a fertiliser is to provide the lawn with nutrients for optimum growth. Use a complete fertiliser with an analysis of 4-1-2 (Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium) in April and September. During the warmer months of the year, fertilise your lawn with a high nitrogen fertiliser to give a nice green shade. Fertiliser should be applied approximately four times per year.

Pest Control

Lawn grubs are active in the warmer months from September to March. To identify if lawn grubs are present on your lawn, place a damp hessian bag on a section of lawn overnight. If grubs are present they will appear on or near the grass leaves, near the hessian bag. Many insecticides are available for control of lawn grubs and the eradication of lawn grubs will require repeated application.

Weed Control

Seed heads become present in your lawn from birds, neighbours lawns, nearby gardens or the seed heads being present in the previous soil profile. If small weeds appear these should be eradicated before the weed develops more seed heads. If the weed infestation is serious a herbicide should be applied. Please note: Do not spray a herbicide containing **Dicamba** on Buffalo lawn varieties.



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