



LAWN MAINTENANCE

GOOD FERTILISING PRACTISES

Fertilising promotes new leaf and good looks.

Top Tips

- Don't overdo it! Little and often is best
- Use a fertiliser with a high nitrogen content
- Match fertiliser rate to growth rate. Don't fertilise when the grass is growing vigorously
- Slow release fertilisers don't need watering in, soluble fertilisers do
- Fertilising in late summer and autumn helps maintain a better colour in winter
- Lawns in alkaline and sandy areas may need an iron supplement

For further advice, please consult your local turf care professional or grower.

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Key Activity	Maintenance by Turf Variety*					Quality of lawn desired
	Buffalo	Carpet Grass	Couch	Kikuyu	Tall Fescue	
Mowing Frequency	2 Weekly	4 weekly	2 weekly	2 weekly	2 weekly	GOOD
Mowing Height	35mm	25mm	30mm	35mm	35mm	
Fertilising	2 per year	2 per year	3 per year	1 per year	3 per year	
Watering	1 per week	1 per week	1 per week	1 per week	1 per week	BETTER
Mowing Frequency	weekly	2 weekly	weekly	weekly	weekly	
Mowing Height	30mm	25mm	20mm	25mm	35mm	
Fertilising	3 per year	2 per year	4 per year	2 per year	3 per year	BEST
Watering	2 per week	2 per year	2 per week	2 per week	2 per week	
Mowing Frequency	2 per week	2 per week	2 per week	2 per week	2 per week	
Mowing Height	25mm	15mm	10-15mm	20mm	30mm	BEST
Fertilising	4 per year	3 per year	6 per year	4 per year	4 per year	
Watering	3 per week	3 per week	2 per week	3 per week	3 per week	

*Maintenance requirements can vary by season. For example, mowing height can be raised in autumn and lowered in spring.



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EFFECTIVE MOWING

The key to a beautiful lawn is to keep it young and mowing promotes new growth. Warm climate grasses commonly found in Australia, need a close shave once a year to rejuvenate.

Top Tips

- Don't scalp the grass.
- Don't mow grass that is stressed or wet.
- Keep the mower blades sharp.
- Mow regularly, never removing more than 1/3 of the height per cut.
- Match the mowing height to the expected wear.

WATERING

Your lawn may not require as much water as you think. The frequency will depend on the weather, the type of grass and the soil conditions.

Top Tips

- Only water when your lawn needs it – change of colour may indicate water needs.
- A lawn should be partly dried out between watering as it allows air to get to the root system and creates a more drought resistant lawn.
- One deep watering is far more beneficial than frequent shallow watering – and it will save you time! (In a Sydney summer for example, a deep watering is about 15mm).

- The best time to water is early in the morning or late afternoon when less water is lost through evaporation. Avoid watering in the evening or at night as the lawn will remain wet encouraging disease.

- Your lawn may become dormant in periods of dry weather without watering, however, if the soil is kept moist, it will survive and in the rainy season come back as good as ever.

RENOVATION AND REPAIR

Lawns will always require some maintenance from wear and tear.

Top Tips

- Avoid soil compaction by using a garden fork to break up and aerate the ground. Normally this does not need to be done more than once per year – the best time of year is spring.
- The best method is to use the fork moving backwards. Drive the fork in vertically and lever it through 30° to lift and crack the ground. Keep doing this at 15cm intervals.
- It's easy to patch worn areas by turning new grass into the worn areas.
- Lift a flap of soil and put grass runners half in and half out parallel to the ground.
- Keep the patched area damp until the roots have taken hold.

TOP DRESSING

Top dressing is only needed for an extra smooth surface.

Top Tips

- Shave lawn first
- Use washed river sand and never make it more than 1cm deep
- Work top dressing in until some leaf shows
- You may use an organic fertiliser under the top dressing if required

PEST TREATMENTS

Most pests are specific to regional areas and expert advice should be sought if you have a serious problem.

WEEDING

A well maintained lawn should require little weeding or none at all. Hand weeding is generally the best solution for most lawns and is often good exercise too. Where serious weeds occur or become a problem, consult a lawn specialist.

