



## All other Turf varieties

### When to water?

1. Upon installation, completely soak the turf with approximately 25mm of water.
2. Check that the water has seeped through the turf and into the soil below within the first hour of laying your new lawn.
3. Water daily (depending on weather conditions)
4. **Most water restriction levels permit you to water with a hose for 1 hour a day during the first 2 weeks on any newly established lawns. Note: These restrictions are limited to specific times during the day. (Call Turf Force or check your local governments website for up to date details).**
5. Normal restrictions apply after 2 weeks, which for the bigger restrictions is limited to bucketed water or no water at all. (consider our water saving techniques below).
6. Try to ensure the turf is kept watered for at least the first 3 weeks, this will allow the roots to take hold.
7. Water twice daily for the first week, then once a day for the second week and every 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> day for the next week.
8. Weather conditions dictate the amount of frequency of watering, be certain that your new turf has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods. Reflected heat from buildings dries turf out quickly, be sure to water these areas more often.
9. If there are any signs of turf drying out. i.e. gaps appearing between the joins in the turf, water immediately. *NB: please allow for some shrinkage when turf is first laid.*
10. Once fully established (appx. 8 weeks) the turf should only be watered when necessary and during hot weather every second day, this produces a more drought, tolerant lawn

### Mowing

- Mow when the turf can not be lifted, as a guideline;
  - 10-14 days after installation in warm weather or
  - 14-28 days in cold weather
- Mow when the turf is dry and ensure mower blades are sharp.
- Lightly trim on the first mow, making sure you don't scalp the lawn.
- Maintain a height of approximately 30-40mm, this will allow the turf to retain moisture and nutrients.
- Low mowing will damage your lawn.
- Initially mow the turf in the same direction that it was laid, this will help prevent scalping.
- Mowing frequently at the recommended height will help produce a healthy, lush, green lawn

### When to walk on?

Avoid heavy traffic on our new lawn during the first 4 weeks. This will give the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil and will ensure the turf remains level.

## When to Fertilise?

1. Before or just after laying your new turf use a good quality starter fertiliser. There are a variety of these on the market and are available from your [local nursery](#) or [Bunnings store](#).
2. Once established we recommend you fertilise every 6-8 weeks all year round or at the start of each season.
3. Use a slow release blended fertiliser. If you need a quick green up, use a fertilizer high in nitrogen to promote a lush green lawn- e.g. Supergreen or organic based slow release fertilisers. In heat of summer avoid over fertilising or using manure based products.
4. Apply approximately 30g per square meter and remember to water in well.
5. To maintain the lawns colour throughout winter, fertilise in late Autumn using a combination of organic and slow release fertilizers.
6. [Seasol](#) is another type of natural fertiliser that Turf Force recommends. It can be applied on a fortnightly, monthly or yearly basis depending on your desired requirements. Seasol naturally promotes overall plant health and growth, stimulates root development, and increases plant resistance to pests such as insects and fungal diseases. For more information on where to buy visit <http://www.seasol.com.au/>

## Pests, Weeds and Diseases (Visit [www.turfforce.com.au/turfmaintenance&care](http://www.turfforce.com.au/turfmaintenance&care) and select the appropriate link for more information)

- Pests - watch for the lawn grub (e.g. web worm or army worm) and African black beetle- apply suitable pesticides according to directions.
- Weeds - if weeds infest, hand eradicate before seed head develops or apply a suitable weedicide (call Turf Force for more information)

## Water Restrictions (Please be mindful of our regions limited water supply)

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## Water saving techniques

Consider the following to improve your lawns water storage capacity:

- Cultivate it regularly
- Aerate the soil with a fork or lawn aerator
- Top dress your lawn annually
- Avoid compacting the soil

## Water Tank Rebate

The government currently has in place a rebate scheme on tanks. For a 3000L capacity tank and above that's internally attached to laundry cold water tap or a toilet suite you are entitled to a \$1500 rebate. Please refer to <http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/> for more information.

Domestic grey water use in Queensland

Please refer to the following web listed pdf file:

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