

INSTALLATION OF NATURAL TURFGRASS

Establishing a new lawn is not hard if you break it down into a series of logical steps. It is also greatly beneficial to plan ahead and make sure that you have everything you need on hand for each stage of the process.

STEP 1. Site Preparation; Check the physical condition of the soil and the surface contours of the ground. Spray any existing grass and weeds (Roundup or equivalent) to remove excesses at recommended rates.



STEP 2. Planting; most home lawns in Queensland are laid from slabs. Water the laid Natural Turfgrass as you go starting approximately 15 to 30 minutes after you lay the first roll. After you have installed your Natural Turfgrass use a roller to smooth out any footprints or uneven ground. Give the whole area a good soaking with about 25 mm of water for the first watering. Always lay the Natural Turfgrass on the day you receive it for best results



STEP 3. Watering; Natural Turfgrass relies heavily on its root system. Newly laid Natural Turfgrass has a very shallow root system at time of supply and installation. It must be kept moist for the first 2-3 weeks to prevent drying out and being set back. You will need to check regularly to ensure that the natural turfgrass and the soil below are kept moist in the initial stages. As a general rule new Turf should be watered heavily at least every second day. In hot weather the frequency of light watering may need to be increased and requires monitoring.



STEP 4. Mowing; newly laid Natural Turfgrass should be mowed as soon as it is anchored to the soil. This is usually in about two weeks from the time of installation and depends on the time of the year and type of turf. The first mowing should be higher than normal for the particular grass and the height can then be gradually reduced over the next 2-3 mowings to a level that suits your preference and in line with the particular turfgrass species recommendations. The golden rule is never mow off more than 1/3 of the grass leaf at any one time.



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