

TURF INSTALLATION GUIDE

STEP 1: SPRAYING

Spray Round Up or Glyphosate 7 days prior to starting any earthworks, follow the manufacturer's recommendations. This may need to be repeated if weather conditions are unfavourable.

Tip: Spray when existing lawn and weeds are healthy. This will achieve a more effective result.

STEP 2: EXCAVATION

Remove all vegetation by use of either a bobcat, hand rake, shovel or hire a turf cutter. Consider your drainage, level the area which falls to drainage points. If necessary install drainage pits which most often will tap into existing storm water pipes.

Tip: A bobcat can achieve a lot in a short time, thus saving your back.

STEP 3: SOIL

You will need 35 – 75mm of good top soil for a quality lawn. Using a screed, levelling bar or rake start levelling, ensuring there are no humps, bumps and hollows. Compact ground to when you only leave a boot mark not a boot indent.

Tip: Allow 35-40mm below edging, driveway & patio for turf slabs and make sure all areas will drain freely.

STEP 4: MEASURING

Measure the width and length of the area to be turfed, multiply these figures together, this will give you the amount of square meters required. Then add about 3-5% extra for cutting in.

Tip: Don't use your feet to measure, always use a tape measure.





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STEP 5: CONDITIONER

Add organics and sandy loam soil to heavy soils to improve quality. For sandy soil, add organics and garden mix to improve water hold capacity.

Tip: Purchase a soil pH kit to test levels.



STEP 6: FERTILISER

Fertilise prior to laying using Sir Walter fertiliser, 3.0kg per 100m². With all the essential nutrients vital for a new lawn.



STEP 7: LAYING TURF

Lay in a brick pattern, starting at a straight line – path or driveway edge or set a string line. Ensure turf is butted together well, don't leave any gaps between the slabs. This will only set your lawn back, when it becomes time to mow.

Tip: Lay turf across slopes. Use a serrated knife or sharp shovel to cut turf.



STEP 8: ROLLING

Roll turf for a good finish. This will also enable the grass to bed firmly against the moist soil.

Tip: Always roll across the slope.



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STEP 9: WATERING

Once a section has been laid and rolled, water this section as soon as possible. When all the turf has been laid, give the whole lawn a good soak. Over the next two weeks give the lawn a water twice a day; this will stop the lawn from drying out.



Tip: Be aware of hot/windy weather, this can dry a new lawn out rapidly, increase watering to compensate.

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