

CARING FOR YOUR LAWN

Here are some basic steps to maintain a healthy lawn

New turf needs to be watered regularly

During April through to October new turf should be watered every day, preferably in the early morning or evening.

At all other times we would recommend watering as and when needed, depending on the weather.

Watering should be repeated until the turf has established into a lush green lawn.

If the turf has not been watered properly, signs include – gaps appearing to the turf joints and/or yellowing/browning of the grass blades.

The lawn area would benefit from aerating which in turn should aid the drainage. Aeration also allows oxygen down into the root system of the lawn, which in turn should improve its appearance. Aerating the lawn is undertaken by 'spiking' the area, usually using a garden fork. The holes made by the fork should then be filled with 'sharp sand'. This can be sprinkled in the holes and brushed in to make sure the sand fills the newly made holes.

One of the best things you can do to improve the appearance of your lawn is to fertilise it, using products like 'Weed and Feed' or 'Evergreen'.

It's also important to undertake regular mowing of the lawn and for any grass cuttings to be removed; sometimes grass cuttings that are left on the lawn can cause the grass beneath them to die.

Try not to walk on the new turf – it needs time to settle

During April through to October try not to walk or place heavy objects on the new turf for at least 2-4 weeks as this can create unsightly indentations and hollows.

During the autumn and winter months wait at least one month before walking on the new turf.

Maintenance

Looking after your new lawn is very important. The first few cuts should be at the highest setting on your lawnmower.

Reduce the height of your blades gradually

Do not let the grass get too long

Do not cut the grass too short

Aim to keep the grass at around 25mm