

Easy tips for your StrathAyr lawn

Maintaining your lawn

Watering

- Water only when your lawn needs it. How often you water your lawn will depend on the weather, the type of lawn and the soil you have.
- The grass should be allowed to partly dry out between waterings. This lets in air to the root system, stimulates deeper root formation and creates a healthy more drought resistant lawn.
- Winter watering is generally not necessary unless it is an abnormally dry season. During warmer months a good deep watering once to twice a week should be sufficient once established, except during peak heat periods when daily watering may be required.
- Less frequent and deeper watering helps promote deep root growth.

Fertilising

- Fertilise regularly all year to ensure a healthy lawn. A healthy lawn will deter weeds and better survive drought periods.
- RTF Tall Fescue should be fertilised every 6–8 weeks.
- Sir Walter, TifTuf, Sir Grange, Nullarbor Couch Legend, Nullarbor Couch (Santa Ana) and Eureka Kikuyu Premium VG (Village Green) should be fertilised throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn.
- Apply a complete lawn food. We do not recommend 'weed and feed' products. Frequency can be reduced in Winter.
- Spread fertiliser evenly and water in well. Heavy concentrations or applying fertiliser to wet lawns will burn. Apply in two directions to ensure an even spread.

Mowing

- Mow regularly at the following heights:
 - RTF Tall Fescue 35–50mm**
 - Sir Walter and Kikuyu lawns 20–40mm**
 - Couch, TifTuf and Sir Grange lawns 15–30mm**
- In shady areas mow to the highest recommended height.
- Keep mower blades sharp.
- Severely reducing height in one cut should be avoided (no more than 1/3 of leaf height to be cut off in any one mowing).
- Low mowing will damage your lawn.



Sir Walter

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TIFTUF

Sir Grange

Legend



RTF



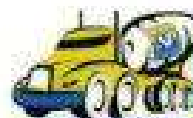
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Preparing for your new lawn

To get the best from your lawn we recommend you complete the following preparation prior to installation:

- Rotary hoe or spread top soil to a depth of 100–150mm.
- Remove stones, pieces of organic matter and rake to an even surface.
- Level soil to:
 - 10mm below pathways for RTF Tall Fescue lawns**
 - 15–20mm for Couch grasses, TifTuf and Sir Grange**
 - 25mm below paths for Sir Walter and Kikuyu lawns**
- Spread lawn starter fertiliser (add lime if your soil is acidic).
- Lightly roll the area to a firm surface.

Now you are ready to lay your lawn.

Laying your lawn

The fun starts as you see your lawn taking shape.

- Roll out your lawn in a brick work pattern.
- Push individual strips together firmly – do not stretch or overlap.
- Cut turf with a sharp knife around plants and paths.
- Water immediately to saturate the grass mat and wet underneath soil.
 - Top dress Sir Walter joins with 5–10mm of washed coarse sand – approx $\frac{1}{4}m^3$ per $100m^2$. Rolling Sir Walter at this stage will also help to achieve maximum soil contact.**

Now your lawn is ready to enjoy.

Your new lawn must be laid on the day of delivery.

Water immediately after laying.

Establishing your Lawn

- **Watering** – Water your lawn following installation and then as often as required to keep your lawn moist for the first two weeks i.e. up to 4 times a day if extreme heat. Above ground watering is required. Automatic sprinklers are the most efficient way to water. Either pop ups or hose with sprinkler is recommended. If watering by handheld hose you will need to allow much longer watering times to apply sufficient water. Do not allow the turf to dry out whilst establishing. Gradually reduce frequency as the roots establish.
- **Mowing** – First mowing at 2–3 weeks after laying with mower on the highest setting.
- **Fertilising** – Fertilise 4 weeks after laying with a complete lawn food.

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