



Maintenance and after care of newly laid turf

Watering:

Your new turf has been laid, this must be watered within half-an-hour of installation, however we would have done this.

Make sure you give the turf a really good soaking and check that the water has seeped through the turf and into the soil below. Watering must be repeated until it has been established.

It is better to water your new turf in the cool of the evening and not in direct sun. Continue watering morning and evening until the turf is well rooted.

Pay particular attention to the edges of the turves when watering as these are the area's most prone to drying out. Ensure that the applied water is filtering through the turf to the soil below. It must reach the root zone of the turf to be effective.

Regularly check that there is good root to soil contact to allow simultaneous rooting of the turf.

It is important that you do not flood the lawn when watering. Over-watering can consolidate the base soil making it difficult for the young and tender roots to grasp. It will also diminish the 'soil air pockets' that are essential for good root establishment.

If you observe the above recommendations then you will have no problems establishing a healthy lawn even in the hottest weather.

TIP: In the event of a hose pipe ban we recommend you incorporate some water retaining gel into the prepared soil and use a watering can (if you are in an area prone to droughts it may be worth investing in a water butt), otherwise use a sprinkler.

Traffic:

Newly laid turf will accept light traffic immediately, but it is better not to walk on the newly laid turf for 2 weeks after installation, or immediately after watering.

Mowing:

We recommend that you do not mow your new turf until it has rooted, this is generally 2 weeks after installation, but can be easily checked by lifting a corner of the turf to see if the roots have attached to the soil

Set your lawn mower to the highest setting as it is important that the turf is not scalped during early mowing. Mow your new turf often, each time removing no more than one third of the grass height.

Once established, the grass height can be reduced gradually to your optimum height.