

## Preparation of site



Installation of turf requires a good quality top soil.  
Make sure you remove **all** weeds, rocks etc and the area is level and well drained.  
This will make for a healthy lawn.

Depth dug out should be at least 70 – 100mm  
(50mm top soil and 20 – 50mm for turf depending on which variety you are laying).

A good quality soil should be to a depth of 50mm – 100mm

Yates Turf Starter Fertiliser may be applied to soil before laying.

### *Hints*

- Always dampen soil and let it settle anywhere between 4- 12 hours before laying turf.
- Do not make the area muddy before laying turf as this will cause an uneven surface and your job harder.
- Yates Turf Starter Fertiliser may be applied to soil before laying.
- Lay the turf within a couple of hours of delivery, **turf will not survive if you lay it a couple of days after delivery.**

## Laying the turf



Turf MUST be laid **immediately** (especially in our hot climate).

*It is a plant* that has just had its roots cut, they are now exposed to heat.

The roots will die if not laid straight away.

Organise delivery of your turf around the time you will be laying it.

Laying turf on hot days – Lay a section of turf and slightly water and repeat this until turf is laid.

Start laying the turf away from your stack, this will help avoid you from walking on the newly laid lawn all the time.

When you begin to lay turf try to start along a straight driveway or path.

Put a line of turf all the way around the edge of the area and then fill the middle in.

Start rolling your lawn, push edges together and stagger pieces in a brickwork pattern.

### *Hints*

- **NEVER wet turf while still rolled – This will cook it.**
- Do not stretch or pull the turf.
- Avoid gaps as this will cause weeds to grow through.
- Do not overlap turf as this roots will dry out and exposed turf will die.
- If you are working on a sloped area you can peg grass down to prevent any movement.
- If you are unable to finish the job you must keep your turf cool, try to keep it in a shady spot.
- Do not cover turf with plastic as this will make it sweat. You can lay a board or similar across top to stop sun, but leave sides open to breathe.

## Maintaining your new lawn



### Watering

Week 1 – Water your lawn 3 times mainly during the heat of the day eg. 8am – 12pm – 3pm

Week 2 – Water 2-3 times a day for longer periods

Week 3 – Water once a day

Week 4 – Water twice a week

### Mowing

Give the lawn 3 weeks for roots to firmly knit with soil before mowing, after this time keep turf short with regular mows, this will keep your lawn looking greener. Make sure you do not water the day before mowing so the ground dries out and is not too soft when mowing.

### Fertilising

1 month after installing

Dry Season – Monthly (every 2-3 months for Carpetgrass)

Wet Season – 1 - 2 times

**Scotts Lawn Builder, with wetting agent, can be used to boost your lawn and make it nice and green**



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**Munns quality lawn fertiliser can be used regularly to maintain a beautiful lawn**

