

HOW TO LAY TURF

A WELL LAID LAWN CAN INCREASE YOUR OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT & ADD VALUE TO YOUR PROPERTY!

STEP 1 CLEAR THE AREA

The site needs to be clear of vegetation and remove any rubble such as rocks, branches and roots. A rotary hoe can be hired to assist in the removal of existing turf. If necessary, spray weeds with a glyphosate herbicide and then wait a week before continuing. Get rid of weeds before you start doing any work on your site to avoid problems later.

STEP 2 PREPARE THE BASE

It is recommended that you lay a minimum of 50mm of soil to allow the turf a good base to grow. Turf Blend is a sandy loam that has been designed for use as a turf underlay. Level the area with a rake or lawn leveler to prevent your new lawn from being uneven. If desired, fertilizer can be applied at this time.

STEP 3 LAY THE TURF

Organise to have your turf delivered after you have prepared your base so that it can be laid fresh. Lay turf so the pieces are staggered and fit edges together without overlapping. All roots must be in contact with the ground.

STEP 4 WATER THE LAWN

Once you've finished laying down the turf, give a good watering. Keep a check that your soil is continually moist over the establishment period but be careful not to over water. As a guide, water daily for the first week then slowly reduce frequency of watering.

STEP 5 CARE OF NEW TURF

Disturb the turf as little as possible and wait until it is established to mow. You can also fertilize at this time, ensuring fertilizer is watered in well.

CHECKLIST

- Turf
- Sandy loam turf underlay – turf blend
- Lawn start fertiliser
- Glyphosate & sprayer – if required
- Wheelbarrow
- Lawn leveler or rake
- Shears or sharp knife to cut turf
- Hose
- Personal Protective Equipment (e.g. safety boots, gloves)
- Mattock & shovel for clearing (or hire a rotary hoe for large areas)

