

YOUR NEW LAWN CARE GUIDE

Everything you need to know to keep
your new lawn healthy and looking its best.



WEEK-BY-WEEK WATERING GUIDE

Proper watering in the first few weeks is essential for a strong, healthy lawn that will thrive for years to come.

1-2
WEEKS



ESTABLISH

- Water twice daily – morning and early evening (if warm).
- Keep the soil moist beneath the turf (not soggy).
- Approx. 20–40 minutes per session*

3-4
WEEKS



ENCOURAGE ROOTS

- Water once daily.
- Encourage deeper root growth by keeping the soil consistently moist.
- Slight wilting in the heat is normal – it will bounce back.

4+
WEEKS



ESTABLISH & THRIVE

- Water 2–3 times per week.
- Deep soak each time rather than little and often.
- This promotes deep roots and a stronger, drought-resistant lawn.

*Watering times vary depending on sprinkler type and water pressure.



WATERING TIPS



BEST TIME TO WATER

Early morning (between 5am–9am) is best. Watering early reduces evaporation and helps prevent fungal disease.



HOW LONG TO WATER

Aim for 20–40 minutes per session. The goal is for water to penetrate 10–15cm into the soil.



CHECKING SOIL MOISTURE

Lift a corner of the turf or use a screwdriver to check the soil. It should feel moist 10–15cm down.



WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Light rain is great! Heavy rain may mean you can skip a watering session. Avoid overwatering.



TOP 5 MISTAKES TO AVOID



WATERING FOR ONLY 5–10 MINUTES

This only wets the surface and leads to weak, shallow roots.



WALKING ON NEW TURF UNNECESSARILY

Give your lawn time to root. Limit foot traffic as much as possible.



MOWING TOO SOON

Cutting too early can pull the turf up and damage new roots.



LETTING THE TURF DRY OUT

Dry turf can shrink, go brown and may not root properly.



OVERWATERING UNTIL PUDDLES FORM

This can suffocate roots and lead to disease. Water deeply, not excessively.



FIRST MOW GUIDE

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WAIT UNTIL THE GRASS REACHES 7–8CM TALL

This usually takes 2–4 weeks depending on the season.

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FIRST CUT

Set mower to a high setting (approx. 4–5cm). Never remove more than one third of the grass height.

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KEEP IT SHARP

Ensure your mower blade is sharp for a clean cut.

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FEED AFTER ESTABLISHMENT

Feed 4–6 weeks after laying with a high-quality lawn feed. Follow the product instructions.



PETS & CHILDREN

Once the lawn is well rooted (around 4 weeks), it is safe for pets and children to use.



QUICK REFERENCE

- ✓ When can I walk on it? Immediately (carefully)
- ✓ When can I mow it? When grass reaches 7–8cm tall
- ✓ When can I feed it? After 4–6 weeks
- ✓ When can I use weed killer? After 8–10 weeks
- ✓ When can pets & children use it? After 4 weeks
- ✓ When is it fully established? 8–12 weeks



GOOD TO KNOW

New lawns continue to strengthen for up to 12 months. Consistent care in the first few months makes all the difference!

YOUR LAWN DETAILS

DATE LAID: ____/____/____



RECOMMENDED FIRST MOW DATE: ____/____/____



INSTALLATION NOTES: _____



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