

BEFORE YOU START

When to sow

The best time to sow a new lawn depends on the climate of the area. In some areas lawns can be sown all year round but the best time is usually spring through to early summer and late summer to mid autumn

Not all soils were created equal

The type of soil you have will be a major determining factor in how well your lawn establishes and persists.

- * Heavy clay soils should be treated with gypsum at 1kg / square metre before sowing
- * If the soil is prone to water logging most desirable grasses won't persist, so be prepared to address the drainage before planting.
- * "Hungry" soils need constant fertilising to support the grass.

6 STEPS TO A NEW LAWN

1. Choose the mix to suit your needs

Quickstart - for fast establishment and good even colour
Long Run Fescue Blend - for a strong alternative lawn that uses less water and is very hard wearing

Premium - using the best turf varieties available and delivering the best possible result
Shade - for those areas under trees and heavily shaded by buildings



2. Spraying and Rotary Hoeing

Spray out all existing weeds. Rotary hoe (now is a good time to incorporate gypsum or lime if needed) or dig the area. Disturbing soil can activate dormant weed seeds, be prepared to spray 2 weeks after digging if you think it might be necessary.



3. Levelling and Raking

Level and rake the area to the finish you desire, use a light roller if the soil is too loose or clods need to be pressed down.



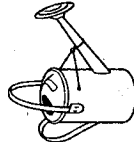
4. Seeding and Fertilising

Spread the seed as evenly as possible and use lawn starter fertiliser at a rate of 1kg to 30 square metres. then very lightly rake to achieve good seed soil contact.



5 Watering

Frequent light watering promotes seed germination and rapid establishment. Don't allow the seed bed to become too dry or too water logged. As the grass begins to grow, decrease the frequency of watering but increase the amount of water each time. Normally a 2 month old lawn can be watered the same as an established lawn.



6. Mowing

Wait until the grass gets to 6-7cm high before the first mowing, then take 2-3 mowings to get it to the desired height of 4cm (6cm for fescue lawns). Keep the mower blades sharp and this will lesson the harm to the young plants.

