

Having a lush green lawn is something that people strive to achieve. It often becomes a talking point for neighbours and visitors, and is thoroughly enjoyed by family and friends. Nothing feels better than running bare foot through soft green lawn, or the smell of freshly cut grass. While these things are great, it doesn't come without some hard work!

Preparing the ground

This is your starting point so you want to do it right!

1. Check the area for drainage, and ensure that it is slightly sloping away from the house or entertainment areas. The last thing you want is water draining toward the places you use the most.
2. Use a top-quality mix like Intelligro Lawn Construction Mix to establish your area. This mix is easy to work with and is great for sowing seed in. Apply the mix at a depth of 50mm for ideal growing conditions.
3. Ensure the soil has been raked, levelled and lightly compacted before you sow your lawn. This will give the ideal bed for the lawn seed to germinate in.

Sowing The Seed

Spring and autumn are the optimal times to sow a new lawn. Generally seeds will germinate between 7-10 days, but can take up to 20 days if sown in cooler weather.

Spread the seed at a rate of approximately 30 grams per square metre in an even pattern. Work from back to front as to not stand on the spread seed.

Lightly rake the seed into the soil once it has been spread. This will allow the seed to fall into the rake grooves and provide the ideal bed for the seed to germinate in. Grooves only need to be twice the depth of the lawn seed. Avoid spreading extra soil on top of the seed; this will severely decrease the opportunity for the seed to germinate. A light roll with dry soil and roller following seeding will assist with seed soil contact and germination. This will assist with protecting the seed and soil

from high winds and heavy rainfall.

One of the most important aspects of your lawn preparation is watering the soil. The soil will need to maintain some moisture to allow the seed to germinate. If the soil dries out once the seed has germinated the grass will not grow and the seed will be terminated, too much water however will flood the soil, causing either patchy results or no germination at all. Remember lawn seed only has one chance to germinate.

Allow the grass to grow to around 80mm high before you make the first cut. Ensure the mower blades are set at a high level for the first couple of cuts to allow stronger growth. Cutting the grass short straight away will stunt the development of the grass and will often kill it, eventually you will be able to mow the grass to your desired height.

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Weeds & Diseases

These pesky things are fairly impossible to avoid. Weed seeds travel easily with the wind and land all through the garden. Mowing, fertilising and removing the weeds will help to combat them. The healthier your lawn is, the less room there will be for weeds. Lawn is resilient, it is used to getting cut and then growing back – weeds aren't. This can be a good way to remove them.

Patches in the lawn can often be caused by insects, Porina grub or a fungal disease. These can disappear as quickly as they appear due to them often being caused by heavy rainfall or unseasonal weather. Scarifying the lawn can help remove the dead or diseased grass.

As much as we love our animals they can often be a hindrance to the development of a lawn. Try and keep new lawn areas fenced off to avoid the dog running and digging through the fresh soil. Intelligro also provides a Premium Lawn Soil in bags to help patch up areas where the dog may have dug up, or where the toilet stops have killed off the grass.

Lawn Care

Striving for that lush green lawn doesn't come without some effort. Our checklist is a perfect guide to ensuring the lawn stays in good condition.

- Leaving the lawn clippings over the lawn can be beneficial to the lawn. The remaining lawn can draw the nutrients still available from the clippings. It is advised however to compost the clippings before adding them to your garden.
- Make sure that the blades on the mower are sharp. Dull blades are no good in the kitchen, and it's the same for the lawn.
- Regular water and fertiliser will help to keep your lawn healthy. Avoid fertilising and watering in the warmer parts of the day as this can have an adverse effect on the lawn. The best times to fertilise are October to Christmas and again from late February to late April.
- Fertilise every four to five weeks.

Related Products

Premium Lawn Soil

Our handy 20L bags of lawn soil are great for patching up areas or for those small areas that need to be sown. Also available in bulk.



Lawn Construction Mix

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Lawn Fertiliser

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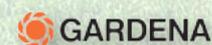
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