



# IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**TURF IS PERISHABLE AND MUST BE LAID ON THE DAY OF DELIVERY!**

## **Buying, Storage, Handling & Aftercare**

Generally, you can lay turf throughout the year, with the exception of very cold or very wet periods and extremely hot dry spells. Our turf is cut and delivered to your door within hours of being cut to ensure that you receive the very freshest turf possible. If stored, handled and laid correctly, our high-quality turf will give you a long lasting, luscious green lawn instantly. However, there are a few very important, simple basic steps to follow when storing, handling and laying your fresh cut turf to ensure that your new lawn flourishes and remains healthy and strong. This advice is particularly important when laying turf during the summer months.

### **Ordering your turf!**

- When ordering your turf, it is important that you measure the area to be turfed accurately. As a general rule you should allow 5% extra for cuts, this could be a little more if your new lawn has curved borders or less if it has straight edges. Please contact us if you need help!
- Each roll of turf is a meter square (m<sup>2</sup>) and measures 1640mm x 610mm.
- Your turf will be delivered on a wooden pallet, Each pallet holds 50 turf.

## **Before your turf arrives, you must complete all the necessary groundworks!**

If your landscaping works require additional materials such as soil, we strongly advise that you arrange delivery of these items well in advance of your turf being delivered. If you are ordering both soil and turf from ourselves, you can specify different delivery dates at the checkout (see the website to view our range of turving soils).

### **What is the best time of year to lay turf?**

As long as the soil is not frozen, waterlogged or extremely dry, turf can be laid at any time of the year! However, the biggest factor that affects the growth of new turf is not the time of the year, it is actually how well the area is prepared for a new lawn. The optimum season to lay a new lawn is the Spring or Autumn when the soil is friable and easy to work, whilst these seasons usually provide the best balance of sun and rain.

### **Tips for laying turf in Spring**

*If you're planning to lay your turf in the Spring, check the soil is not dry and water before starting to turf if required. As the weather in April and May can be temperamental, you will need to ensure that your new turf does not dry out, watering twice a day as needed. It is also important to avoid mowing your new lawn during the first month of growth to allow the roots to settle into the soil.*

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### Tips for laying turf in Summer

Although the summer months are not ideal for laying turf, it is still possible. However, it is important that the soil is well watered before the new lawn is laid in order to make sure there is adequate moisture for the turf to grow. Laying turf during the summer requires additional care due to the heat. It is imperative that, once laid, you should not walk on the grass and we recommend restricting access to your new lawn until the autumn.

### Tips for laying turf in Autumn

Autumn is the best time of the year to lay turf, especially between September and October when the weather has the perfect balance of heat and rain. You can still lay turf in November, as long there are no frosts forecast. Laying your turf in the Autumn is beneficial as the lawn will have a good six months to settle in and grow before the spring and summer!

### Tips for laying turf in Winter

Winter months are the same as Summer. It is possible to lay turf during these colder months, however due to the extreme weather conditions the growth can be slow. This is especially true if your new lawn is not properly and consistently maintained. Ideally we would suggest waiting to lay your new turf until the winter frosts have passed in March/April, giving your new lawn plenty of time to establish ready for the summer.

### Pre-Turfing Preparation!

Pre-Turfing Preparation is vitally important as it will allow you to start laying your new lawn the moment your turf is delivered.

- It is important that you complete all your ground preparation works well before your turf arrives. This includes levelling and raking the area(s) to be turfed.
- If you need to order additional materials such as soil, these should be ordered well before your turf is delivered.

### Turf is Perishable and must be laid on the day it is delivered!

All our turf is Super Fresh and is cut just hours before delivery. Please follow the advice below, as this will ensure that your new lawn is laid quickly and efficiently for the best outcome.

- Arrange for your turf to be delivered on the day you are going to install it.
- Turf is highly perishable and a great convector of heat, especially when rolled up... so the hotter it gets outside... the hotter the turf will be when it is rolled up and the quicker it will perish.

- As soon as your turf is delivered, it is important to split the pallet(s) into small stacks of up to 10 turf, leaving space between each turf to allow the air to circulate.
- Place the turf in a shady area out of direct sunlight. If this is not possible, then place a large flat board (an 8' x 4' sheet of wood is ideal) over the top of the turf to keep the sun off it. Under no circumstances should you cover the turf with plastic or other non-breathable material, as this will stop the air flow around the turf and speed up the deterioration.
- Do not water the turf whilst still rolled up, as this will cause the turf to deteriorate faster.
- Whilst all turf should be laid on the day of delivery, if for any reason you are unable to lay all the turf, you must unroll any turf you cannot lay and lightly water it, leaving the turf unrolled and laid out overnight. You must then lay the remaining turf as quickly as possible giving the turf a good water as it is laid.
- Your turf should be fine to lay if it is just starting to go 'yellow' and should recover within a few days with regular watering. However, if your turf is starting to go mouldy or if the grass has turned a blackish colour with a slimy film, the turf has been rolled up too long and is unlikely to recover.

### Watering your turf!

- It is important to water your turf in sections as soon as laying commences and thereafter twice a day, morning and evening until it becomes established. Try to avoid watering your turf during the hottest part of the day and be careful not to flood the lawn, as over-watering can be harmful to the root establishment.
- Pay particular attention to the edges of the turves when watering, as these are the area's most prone to drying out.

### Aftercare!

- Once your turf starts to root and watering is becoming less essential, the next stage is moving onto a different form of aftercare.
- About 6-8 weeks after turfing we suggest applying a good lawn feed, such as our Turf Rapid Roots, which you can order when purchasing your turf in order to keep your new lawn healthy. Dwarf rye grasses respond well to feeding, which should be a regular part of your lawn Aftercare programme. Please see our website for Fertilizers & Lawn Aftercare Advice
- For best results... Mow little and often.... (but remember, when you cut and remove the clippings, you are taking away food and water!)
- Turfed lawns should be mown a bit longer than your old lawn. 20-30mm will keep your lawn much healthier!
- Hollow tine-aerate your lawn after about 6 months (between Oct-Mar). This will allow moisture to penetrating through your lawn whilst helping soil bacteria and oxygen levels to increase.
- Following hollow tine works, we suggest that you dress your lawn with a suitable sand dressing (click here to see our range of lawn dressings). Please see our website for dressings

### Quality Issues

All our turf is grown to the very highest standards and quality and cut just hours before delivery, which guarantees our customers the very freshest turf possible. In the rare event that your turf arrives damaged or you are not entirely satisfied with the quality, you must take photographs of the turf damage or problem and inform us immediately on the day of delivery by email, as we will not accept any liability for defects that occur after this time.

