

# INSTALLING YOUR NEW LAWN

## A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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### Spread Lawn Launcher on top of prepared area

Turf is a highly perishable product. It is critical your new lawn is installed as soon as it arrives at your home or job site.

Apply your starter fertiliser as supplied (you will find the correct amount of *Lawn Launcher* in the clear bag on top of your turf pallet) evenly over the entire area, prior to installing your new lawn. This will encourage deeper root growth and aid in the speed of establishment.

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### Lay turf in a staggered 'brickwork' formation

Start by laying your turf slabs from the furthest point to the entry of the yard and work your way backwards so you are not walking over freshly laid turf. Place your slabs of turf around the perimeter of the area and lay between the perimeter.

Stagger the joins in a brickwork fashion to avoid erosion and butt the turf closely together to avoid gaps. This will aid in faster establishment and minimise water requirements while your new lawn settles into its new home.

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### Cut and shape turf to suit your area

When cutting is required use a spade, sharp knife or shears, but don't throw these off cuts away. When you have finished laying you will probably find there are a few unusual spaces to fill and these bits will come in handy.

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### Roll your new turf to improve contact with soil

This step is optional and not critical to the long term success of your new lawn project. It is however good practice to perform this process to enhance root contact with the soil. Rolling your new lawn will also help smooth out any bumps or air pockets to ensure your final finish is even across the entire area. An even surface will minimise scalping of your new lawn when it comes time to mow.

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# MAINTENANCE

## WATERING, MOWING & FERTILISING



### Water your new lawn well during establishment

Water your new lawn as soon as you have installed it and ensure it gets a good soaking! This is the most critical step and the ultimate key to success for the turf to transition and re-establish in a new environment. If installing a new lawn in summer – you need to water it 2-3 and sometimes 4 times a day in extreme heat to prevent it from drying out. An automated irrigation system with pop up sprinklers is the most efficient way to water your new lawn and guarantee protection of your long term landscape investment. If you are using a manual sprinkler and hose to water your lawn, it is sometimes difficult to know if your lawn is getting enough water. We recommend you place a glass under the sprinkler, and when it is half full, move the sprinkler to the remaining unwatered areas. You should repeat this process daily or twice daily for at least the first two weeks (aiming to water approx. 20-30mm/day).



### Mowing your new lawn

You may start to mow your new lawn as soon as the turf is firmly established (generally about 2 to 3 weeks - root establishment may take longer during cooler months). When mowing, ensure your blades are always sharp to prevent plant injury. Generally, never remove more than one third of the grass length in a single mowing. When mowing your lawn, keep your mowing height between 30mm – 50mm to ensure it maintains its soft leaf texture.



### Fertilising your new lawn

To ensure the best results long term it is important you fertilise your new turf about 6 weeks after installation. This is the final step in the installation process. **Please ensure you always water your fertiliser in well after application.**

Once your lawn is established, annual maintenance should include:

**March** – April: This is the most important time of the year to fertilise your lawn in preparation for winter. Easter long weekend is a good time to do this.

**September** – October: As temperatures start to rise your soil temperatures will also increase making it an ideal time to fertilise your lawn.

**December** – January: Fertilising again in summer will ensure your lawn has the nutrients it needs to survive the harsh summer.



### About Coolabah Turf

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