

# DIY Checklist



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# THE COOLABAH WAY

Our team at Coolabah Turf love lawn. It's our thing. It's what we live, eat and breathe every precious waking second of not just our work day, but our whole life.

The Coolabah philosophy to specialise in the exclusive supply of drought tolerant, environmentally sustainable, self-repairing, water smart turfgrass varieties ensures we fulfil our Lawn for Life promise to every customer. Because of the unique growing habits of all our varieties, there is rarely a problem without a lawn care solution!

All our locally grown lawns have been selected to be included in the Coolabah Turf product range because they are the most scientifically proven performing turfgrass variety for each of their plant species categories for the regions in which they are grown and sold, to ensure best results for end users.

Whether it is for a sportsfield, backyard, naturestrip, local school, or a new land development – we are committed to supplying the best turfgrasses for today and for the future.

All Coolabah supplied varieties are home grown and are harvested fresh daily from our Echuca farms and delivered to your door in less than 24 hours. Our fleet of custom transport vehicles provide direct to site deliveries onboard our temperature controlled refrigerated trailers to guarantee second to none product quality for every project.

All varieties are supplied in a premium quality slab cut form to ensure foolproof establishment for every green industry professional or first time DIY turfie.

After nearly 20 years in the game, customer service continues to be the key focus of our operation and core business purpose.

We back our Lawn For Life promise with a lifetime product warranty to ensure every customer we service always has the best looking lawn in the street!

People don't just buy new lawns from Coolabah, they buy peace of mind.

Talk to one of our handpicked turf professionals today.

## We can't wait to help you love your lawn!





## 5 REASONS TO LOVE TURF

### Turf Loves Cooling

Turf is Mother Nature's most efficient natural air conditioner. The temperature of a healthy lawn area in the middle of summer is 10 degrees Celsius less than bare soil, 20 degrees less than asphalt, concrete or pebble mulch and 40 degrees less than synthetic turf.

### Turf Loves Lowering Emissions

A building surrounded by turf will negate the need to run air conditioners for as often or as long, which helps reduce the amount of carbon pollutants created by electricity, and will help reduce your power bill! The average home lawn produces the same cooling effect as 9 ton of air conditioning (enough for two houses).

### Turf Loves Making Oxygen

Lawn area of just 5m<sup>2</sup> will provide enough oxygen for one person for an entire day.

### Turf Loves The Environment

Turf combats climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions caused by the burning of fossil fuels and a range of other human activity. It acts as a natural sink for carbon dioxide and replenishes soil and improves its quality.

### Turf Loves Exercise

Green open space inspires active bodies and minds. Public access areas of natural lawn, promotes healthy communities and helps tackle physical health problems such as obesity. Green space also enhances mental health and human productivity.



# OUR VARIETIES



## Sir Walter DNA Certified Soft Leafed Buffalo

Sir Walter DNA Certified is the King of turf in shade and continues to be the number one selling turfgrass variety for Australian families who want a chemical free, non-invasive, low maintenance, watersmart home lawn. Just mow, blow and go!

-  WATER USE **Extremely Low**
-  WEAR **Very High**
-  SHADE TOLERANCE **Extremely high**
-  MAINTENANCE **Very Low**
-  DROUGHT RESISTANCE **Very High**
-  LEAF **Broad**



## Eureka Premium VG Kikuyu

A cool tolerant, winter active superior performing all-rounder for public open space and backyards with big dogs and zero irrigation. Extremely dense sod. Awesome at blocking out unwanted winter weeds.

-  WATER USE **Extremely Low**
-  WEAR **Very High**
-  SHADE TOLERANCE **Poor**
-  MAINTENANCE **Low**
-  DROUGHT RESISTANCE **Very High**
-  LEAF **Medium**



## Eureka Kikuyu

A member of the Kikuyu family – but won't perform in shade or poor draining soils.

-  WATER USE **Extremely Low**
-  WEAR **Very High**
-  SHADE TOLERANCE **Poor**
-  MAINTENANCE **Medium**
-  DROUGHT RESISTANCE **Very High**
-  LEAF **Medium**



## Nullarbor Couch (Santa Ana)

Great for golf courses and sports fields or for home owners who like a manicured looking lawn. Invasive root system if you have garden beds.

-  WATER USE **Extremely Low**
-  WEAR **Very High**
-  SHADE TOLERANCE **Poor**
-  MAINTENANCE **High**
-  DROUGHT RESISTANCE **Very High**
-  LEAF **Fine**



\*Excluding Western Australia and Northern Territory

## TifTuf

Need a tough as nails backyard grass for your family sports stars? Tif Tuf Bermuda is a hybrid couch grass fast making its mark in Aussie backyards! Tif Tuf is the newest kid on the block in the USA for golf course and sports field markets. This fine leaf, manicured looking shade tolerant (4 hours) couch grass is fast to establish and requires significantly less water (38% less) than other couch varieties.



WATER USE  
**Extremely Low**



WEAR  
**Very High**



SHADE TOLERANCE  
**Medium**



MAINTENANCE  
**Low**



DROUGHT RESISTANCE  
**Very High**



LEAF  
**Fine**



## Sir Grange Zoysia

A slow grow, nearly no mow home lawn solution for those who prefer a fine leaf, shade tolerant turfgrass choice. Also making its mark in golf course environments. Sir Grange Zoysia is taking our Coolabah Turf company ethos to produce low maintenance lawns to a whole new level.



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WEAR  
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SHADE TOLERANCE  
**Extremely High**



MAINTENANCE  
**Extremely low**



DROUGHT RESISTANCE  
**Very High**



LEAF  
**Very Fine**



# DIY CHECKLIST

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ✓ Measuring tape
- ✓ Shovel, pitchfork & spade
- ✓ Rake to smooth out soil
- ✓ Starter fertiliser & water crystals
- ✓ Fertiliser & spreader
- ✓ Shears or sharp knife to cut the turf
- ✓ Dynamic lifter or similar
- ✓ Hose, sprinkler or irrigation system
- ✓ Rotary hoe & roller (optional)

## 1 MEASURING & ORDERING

Work out the square meterage (m<sup>2</sup>) of the area you plan to turf. The following formulas will help you to determine m<sup>2</sup>:

**Square or rectangle:** length x width

**Triangle (90°):** length x width ÷ 2

**Circle:** 3.14 x radius x radius

**Semi circle:** 3.14 x radius x radius ÷ 2

Our turf comes in easy-to-handle premium quality slab cut form to ensure easy establishment all year round.

Each piece of turf measures approx 1220mm by 410mm (ie: 2 slabs = 1m<sup>2</sup> - 40m<sup>2</sup> of turf will weigh approx 1 tonne).

So to transport larger orders you will need a tandem trailer with brakes, or a one tonne ute.

You can NOT carry more than 30m<sup>2</sup> on any trailer without brakes. Prime slab cut turf is nearly half the weight of a traditional turf roll, making it easier on your back.



## 2 SITE PREPARATION

Quality site preparation is the most critical step to ensuring the best long term result from your turf landscape investment. To avoid weed problems, do not lay turf on top of existing grass, spray existing grass with roundup and remove desiccated weeds from the site.

If your site already has a good base of topsoil (at least 100mm) you can use either a pitchfork or rotary hoe to cultivate the area.

If you have minimal topsoil you will need to import a quality turf underlay from your local sand and soil garden centre.

We recommend a soil depth of 100mm-150mm. We recommend your prepared surface sit approximately 30mm below concrete paths or garden edges. Applications of pelletised fowl manure applied to your prepared surface at 20kg/100m<sup>2</sup> will help with initial moisture retention, while also providing an effective slow release fertiliser.





### 3 LAYING YOUR LAWN

Turf is a perishable product. It is critical you lay your turf as soon as it is delivered.

Before laying, ensure the prepared surface is firm but not packed too tightly, the soil is moist to avoid scalding the roots, especially during warmer months and you rake water crystals through the top 20-30mm of your prepared area to enhance moisture retention.

Apply fertiliser over prepared surface before laying your lawn. Lay turf along the longest and straightest edge of the prepared site, staggering the joins in a brick-like formation as you go. If laying turf on steep gradients you may have to peg it down to prevent it from moving until roots have initiated. When finished laying, you can use a roller (optional) to ensure good soil-turf contact.





## 4 WATERING

Protect your turf landscape investment and take the guess work out of dragging hoses around and install an automated irrigation system!

New turf needs regular attention and lots of TLC during the first stages of establishment to ensure you get the best result long term. Once your turf is established it will require minimal care. But it is critical that it is successfully transplanted into your new environment.

Ensure you keep turf moist until roots have established. Depending on time of year and degree of heat during establishment period, establishment time could vary anywhere from between 2-3 weeks or 5-6 weeks.

If you are using subsurface irrigation, it is critical to water turf from above during establishment. Water requirements will vary during establishment pending climate conditions, soil type, and gradient of area. To minimise water requirements during establishment we recommend starter fertiliser and water crystals.

Water the turf immediately after laying and then 2 to 3 times a day for at least a fortnight. Keep traffic to a minimum during the first 6 weeks.



## 5 MOWING

You may start to mow your new lawn as soon as the turf is firmly rooted (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.

Mowing height will vary for each variety and to suit the primary function of lawn area.

## 6 FERTILISING

To ensure the best results long term it is critical you FERTILISE your new turf 5-6 weeks after installation. This is the final step in the installation process.



## ANNUAL LAWN MAINTENANCE

Apply Lawn Solutions Fertiliser – Premium Lawn Food to your new lawn 5-6 weeks after installation.

Once your new lawn is established follow the lawn maintenance guide below to protect your lawn landscape investment and ensure you always have the best looking lawn in the street.



**MAR** Week 3: Apply **Oxafert**

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**JUN** Week 1: Apply **Colourguard** (optional)

**JUL** Week 1: Apply **Seasol**

**AUG** Week 1: Apply **Oxafert**



**OCT** Week 1: Apply **Lawn Solutions Fertiliser – Premium Lawn Food**



**NOV** You may also choose to **dethatch** your lawn during the early part of November if it becomes spongy and difficult to mow. Apply **Lawn Solutions Fertiliser – Premium Lawn Food** after de-thatching to enhance your lawn's recovery.

**FEB** Pending turf condition an additional application of **Lawn Solutions Fertiliser – Premium Lawn Food** may be required during this period to assist with turf health.

**Oxafert:** Oxafert is a preventative, pre-emergent herbicide and fertiliser in one easy-to-use application. It is used for the control of annual grasses and broad-leaf weeds in warm season turf. **NB: Not suitable for Santa Ana or Nullarbor Couch lawns.**

**Seasol – Complete Garden Health Treatment:** A plant conditioner (not a fertiliser) to help protect lawns from frost damage and promote winter colour retention.

**Dethatch:** The mechanical removal of the upper layer of dead turfgrass tissue (thatch) from your lawn.

**ColourGuard:** A natural product that re-introduces a green pigment to your lawn. Apply once lawn growth has slowed/stopped but before frost-affected.

**Lawn Solutions Fertiliser – Premium Lawn Food:** Fast and slow release granules packed with essential nutrients and trace elements. Please only use at label rates.



# TURF MAKES HAPPY



Coolabah Turf is honoured to be a founding member of the Lawn Solutions Australia grower group, where we still currently hold a seat on the national advisory board.

Lawn Solutions Australia is the peak industry body for turf production and lawn care maintenance in Australia. Coolabah Turf production managers are currently conducting trials for the LSA group on our Echuca farms to continue a passionate commitment to progress and trailblazing in the area of plant breeding.

Coolabah Turf's commitment to our AusGAP Certification status is to ensure all turf products supplied surpass industry quality control standards, as governed by Lawn Solutions Australia and to ensure all varieties grown are pest, weed and disease free at the time of supply.

The AusGap Certification system also ensures the genetic purity of all turfgrass varieties grown on our accredited farms.



## OUR BRAND

When people experience our Coolabah brand, we want them to feel an infectious, energetic and passionate love for life. To fulfil this goal, it is critical our handpicked team of professionals also exude this natural zest, and boast a genuine interest in how we as a team can enhance the lifestyle benefits of everyone we meet with the consistent supply of one of life's most simple pleasures – an instant luscious lawn.

Our Coolabah team is so committed to its product quality and after sales service, we are proud to offer a 10 year product warranty as part of our Great Grass Guarantee!

Every turf purchase comes with our "lawn for life" promise every time... we guarantee it!

Our brand aims to encourage healthy lifestyles by raising awareness of the many mental and physical health benefits associated with community green space. We want customers to have a second to none peace of mind faith in our ability to supply quality turfgrass with a truly unique experience before, during and after the sale.

# YOU Y



# VISIT US

Come and try before you buy! We welcome customers to visit our Echuca farm daily (Saturday by appointment). Kick off your shoes or have a roll around the turf on our beautiful public landscape display area. Regardless of characteristics of the various turf choices, most often it comes down to visual preference.

Following your purchase our turf managers offer FREE lawn care advice for the life of your lawn to ensure you always have the best looking lawn in the street. We also stock a range of quality lawn care products for your convenience.

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