

# evergreen turf

Thank you for purchasing your turf from us. This is a simple guide on laying and caring for your new lawn.

**Preparation:** Before laying your turf, a pre-turfing fertiliser may be applied to aid root formation. For best results follow the manufacturer's instructions on application rates.

**Laying:** Start by laying one strip of turf around the outside of the lawn. Avoid using small strips at the edges as these may dry out and perish. Lay the first row of turf along the longest straight line and work across the lawn staggering the joints in each row - as in brickwork.

Butt and push the edges and ends against each other but do not stretch the turf. Use a sharp knife to cut the end of a row or to shape around borders etc.

Ensure that the turf has full contact with the soil.

**Avoid walking on newly laid turf.**

**Boards should be placed down for working from or walking along.**

**Watering:** Newly laid turf must be watered within half an hour of installation. Give the turf a really good soaking and check that the water has seeped through the turf and into the soil below by turning up a corner.

This watering must be repeated until the turf has been established. Weather conditions will dictate the frequency of watering required.

Ensure that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy weather. If laid during a hot dry period, watering may need to be repeated at least three times a day.

**If there are any signs of the turf drying out – water it immediately.**

**Mowing:** We recommend that you do not mow your new turf until it is rooted. This can easily be checked by lifting up a corner to see if the roots have attached to the soil.

Once the turf has rooted your lawn mower should be set to the highest setting – it is important that the lawn is not scalped during early mowings. Mow your new lawn often, each time removing no more than one third of the grass height. Once established, the grass height can be reduced gradually to your desired level. Optimum height is between 15mm and 35mm.

**Feeding:** Feeding in the first eight weeks should not be necessary if a pre-turfing fertiliser has been used. Feeding your lawn in the spring and the autumn is recommended using one of the many lawn feeds available. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

**Finally, sit back and enjoy your new lawn.**