



## Fresh Turf After Care Advice

Now that we have laid your new turf lawn, you will need to care for it and maintain it.

Turf is a living plant and requires as much care and attention as any other garden plant, and more so in establishment. Avoid walking on the turf whilst your lawn is establishing and when moving your sprinkler use planks to spread your weight across the area.

Do NOT walk on the turf after you have watered it.

- Equip yourself with a hose and sprinkler.
- In temperatures over 12°C, ensure you start watering as soon as the turf is laid.
- Your sprinkler will need to be on for approximately 30 minutes on each area. Check under the middle of the turf to see if water has percolated through to the underside.
- Water twice a day for the first week and once a day in the second week. Water as necessary depending on weather conditions in the third and following weeks.
- Water areas near buildings and paths more often where reflected heat dries out the turf faster.
- Be aware that windy days will dry out the turf even more quickly.
- During the first three weeks, try and avoid walking on your turf at all. This will give the turf roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil.
- Mow your lawn approximately 3 weeks after your new turf has been laid during the spring and summer seasons.
- Adjust your mower to its highest setting. It is important that the turf is not cut too short to avoid scalping during establishment.
- Use a mower with a grass collector. Raking cuttings may damage the grass.
- Mow regularly, cutting no more than 1/3rd of the grass height in one mowing.
- An occasional change of mowing pattern is beneficial.
- Never use a strimmer.
- Rolling your lawn to reduce small amounts of unevenness may be beneficial in establishment of your turf.
- As a minimum, ensure your lawn is fertilised at least twice per year, in Spring and Autumn.
- For best results, we recommend our Annual Lawn Care Programme, which includes 4 premium grade seasonal fertilisers, annual aeration and scarification as well as the option to include other specialist treatments tailored to the changing needs of your lawn. More information on our award winning service\* can be found by visiting [www.johnsongardening.co.uk/lawncare](http://www.johnsongardening.co.uk/lawncare)