



**M. Grainger's Landscaping
User Guide
For Turf and Seed
Maintenance**

There are 5 rules to caring for new turf and seeds



1. Water regularly, never let the ground dry out.
2. Keep off the grass until it has rooted in.
3. Mow little and often once the grass is growing well.
4. Top up soil nutrient levels to encourage strong root growth.
5. Don't allow fallen leaves or debris to accumulate on your new lawn.

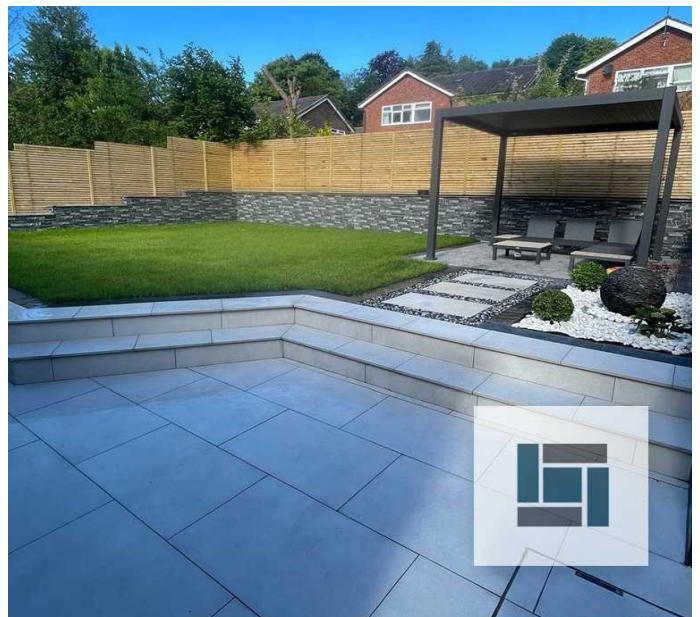
Watering

In order for the turf or seeds to take well, you will need to water them daily for 2-4 weeks after it has been laid, and make sure the water filters through into the soil beneath it. In very hot weather, you may need to water more often. In wet weather, be sure to check that the soil beneath your new lawn is damp, as the rain may not be enough. Water as soon as the seed or turf is installed.

For a large lawn, you might want to use a sprinkler. Best practice says that you should water either first thing in the morning or late in the evening. The reason for this is that the air is cooler and the water is less likely to evaporate away. In other words, most of the water will go down into the soil, not up into the sky.

What to do if the area looks patchy or dry?

Water, water, water! If you start to see gaps between rolls of grass or your seeds don't seem to be growing, don't hold back! Water 2-3 times a day to re-wet the soil.





Keeping off the grass

It is crucial to keep off grass seeds and newly laid turf during the first 6 to 8 weeks to ensure proper establishment and healthy growth. During this period, the grass is in a delicate stage of development; foot traffic or any kind of pressure can compact the soil, disrupt root formation, and damage tender blades. Walking on young grass can create uneven patches, reduce the grass's ability to take in water and nutrients, and increase the risk of disease. By keeping off the area, you allow the grass roots to anchor deeply and spread evenly, promoting a lush, resilient lawn in the long term.

Mow little and often

After the initial 6 to 8 weeks, when it's time to mow your newly established grass, it is important to set the mower to a high setting and mow frequently but lightly. The grass is still in the process of bedding in, and cutting it too short or too infrequently can stress the young blades and damage the developing root system. By keeping the mower blades high, you preserve more of the leaf surface, allowing for continued photosynthesis, which is vital for root growth and overall health. Mowing little but often also encourages the grass to grow thicker and more resilient while minimizing the risk of scalping or tearing the delicate blades. This careful approach helps promote a strong, healthy lawn that will thrive over time.

Top up soil nutrients

Topping up soil nutrient levels is essential for encouraging strong root growth and ensuring a healthy, vibrant lawn. Grass roots need access to key nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium to develop a deep, extensive root system that supports the grass above. By regularly replenishing the soil with balanced fertilizers or organic matter, you provide these essential nutrients, which help the roots grow stronger and more resilient to foot traffic, and disease. Improving soil fertility also enhances its structure and water-holding capacity, creating an optimal environment for root growth. A well-nourished root system anchors the grass more securely, allowing it to absorb water and nutrients more efficiently, which leads to a denser, greener lawn over time.

Remove leaves and debris

It is important not to allow fallen leaves or debris to accumulate on your new lawn after seed or turf installation, as they can block sunlight and air from reaching the grass. Young grass needs ample sunlight and good air circulation to establish strong roots and promote healthy growth. When leaves and debris pile up, they create a barrier that traps moisture, which can lead to fungal growth, mould, and other diseases that can quickly damage or kill new grass. Regularly clearing leaves and debris from your new lawn helps maintain an ideal environment for your grass to flourish and ensures a lush, healthy lawn.



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