

New Turf/Lawn Care

Water your new turf daily for the first two weeks or so

If the weather is warm when your new turf is laid, be sure to water it either early in the morning, or later on in the evening, this prevents water evaporating in the heat of the sun. You may need to water your turf daily for up to a month if you've laid your new lawn during a warm summer. If the temperature is under 10°C, like it is in the autumn, watering daily may not be necessary.

You may need to water your turf daily for up to a month. To know when you need to water your new turf check the underside of it, it should be moist all the time for about a month after it has been laid, after this point you can reduce the amount of watering.

Avoid over-watering

Be careful not to over-water your turf as this can encourage lawn disease. Lift up a corner of the turf and check its underside – it should be moist and dark, but not sopping wet.

Do not walk on your new turf until its roots have bedded into the soil

It can take a number of weeks for the roots to bed into the soil. You will know when the roots have rooted as you will not be able to lift up a corner of your new turf easily.

If your new turf has been laid on a slope, it can take longer to root in, so stay off it a little longer – perhaps six weeks or so to be safe.

Wait a few weeks before mowing your new turf

When you mow your new lawn for the first time, be sure to set your mower to one of its highest cutting settings. When mowing in the autumn and early spring, it is best to use one of the highest cutting settings on your mower anyway.

Fertilise your lawn a couple of times a year to help keep it healthy

Most people fertilise their lawn in the spring and autumn. We recommend using a spreader or sprayer for this.

Lawn Care Calendar

Keeping your lawn looking tip top and healthy all year may seem like a back breaking job, but as is often the case it is not as big a task as it may first appear. Have a look at our guide to looking after your lawn year round to make sure it looks its best.

January

January can be quiet in the garden. If there is a frost avoid walking on your lawn as this can damage the grass leaving it vulnerable to lawn diseases and other problems. When the weather is fine brush away debris or leaves that have fallen on the grass.

February

There is not much to be done to the lawn in February as the weather tends to be very cold still. Continue to stay off the grass if you can, especially if there has been a frost, as walking on your lawn when there's been a frost can damage it.

March

Typically March marks the start of spring and is the month when the weather picks up and lawn care becomes more important. If the weather has been fine, and you've seen some good lawn growth, you may want to give your grass the first cut of the year. When cutting your lawn for the first time only give it a small trim. Set your mower to its highest cutting setting. If you cut the grass too short it is more likely to let weeds and moss root in – it can also lead to the dreaded yellow lawn look.

April

As spring continues the weather is more likely to be consistently warmer. Be aware that the odd frost can still fall so don't cut the grass too short and avoid walking on the lawn if there has been a frost. You will probably find that you will be mowing the lawn more frequently now too. April is the time to apply a fertiliser to your lawn to encourage growth. Being rigorous with lawn care during the spring will yield great results in the summer.

May

Regular mowing of your lawn during late spring will keep it looking neat and tidy. Lawn growth will really pick up around May. You can start to lower the cutting height of your mower as the risk of frosts falls too. Apply weed treatments to your lawn carefully if you need to keep your grass looking good. This is a good time to over-seed your lawn if you have any bare patches left over from the winter months.

June

It is likely that your lawn will need to be mowed twice a week in June. During the summer it is important to keep on top of lawn care, this will help keep the grass looking healthy and green. Continue to apply weed killers and fertiliser to the lawn if and when necessary. Raking your lawn will help control some weed growth.

July

We suggest you mow your lawn once or twice a week. The summer is likely to be in full swing around now. You will notice periods of rapid lawn growth with any good weather. Keep on top of your lawn care routine to ensure that your grass is in peak condition. During these summer months it may even be necessary to water your lawn if the weather has been particularly dry.

If your lawn is particularly hard and dry aerate your lawn, by spiking it with a rake or using an aerator, and then water. Additionally, mow your lawn in the evening during hot periods as this reduces the risk of excessive dehydration. At this time of year you may also want to apply a fertiliser to your lawn to encourage strong and healthy growth.

August

Continue to care for your lawn as you have done earlier in the earlier summer months. Mow your lawn regularly but avoid cutting it too short as this can cause the lawn to dry out. Late summer can be a good time to feed your lawn. With the weather typically being quite dry the nutrients in the soil are quickly depleted. Apply a fertiliser to your lawn to replenish these missing nutrients. Continue to water the lawn as necessary. Remember it is best to do this in the evenings or early in the morning as this gives the water a chance to sink into the lawn rather than evaporate.

September

The beginning of the autumn is a busy time for the serious lawn enthusiast. Your lawn care routine will change slightly. You will need to continue to mow the lawn as often as necessary. You will find that you need to do this less as temperatures begin to get cooler and the days start to become shorter. Now can be a good time to scarify your lawn. It will help reduce the build-up of thatch that is likely to have accrued over the summer. You may also want to aerate your lawn as it can become compacted over the summer months with people and pets walking over it. Aerating the lawn lets the air get back to its roots. If you have bare patches on your lawn, the early autumn can be a good time to add some lawn seed. The weather is still warm enough so that the seeds can bed in but not so warm that they dehydrate. Sticking to a thorough lawn care routine throughout the autumn can help your lawn survive the colder winter months. Applying an autumn fertiliser is a good idea and can help your lawn stay strong and healthy during the winter.

October

As the autumn really beds in you will notice the growth of your lawn really does start to slow down. You should now raise the cutting height of your mower. If you have yet to apply a winter fertiliser to your lawn then now is the time to do so. This will help keep your lawn healthy and strong during the winter months. Keep your lawn clear of any fallen leaves. A covering of leaves on your lawn can cause problems with damp and disease. If you clear leaves and debris once a week it makes it easier to keep on top of it. October can be another good month during which to aerate your lawn if you haven't already done so.

November

You may still need to mow your lawn during November, if this is the case ensure your mower is set to one of its highest cutting settings. Continue to remove any fallen leaves from the lawn to reduce the risk of disease. If any early frosts fall remember not to walk on the lawn to reduce the risk of damaging it.

December

In terms of lawn care your routine, things will really slow down around now. Frosts are more likely to fall and there may even be snow so try to avoid walking on your lawn as this can damage it. When the lawn is not frozen, or very wet, continue to keep it free from fallen leaves and other debris to reduce the risk of lawn diseases.