

# Lawn Establishment & Care Guide

## **Position and use of your lawn.**

There are several factors to take into account when you are considering sowing a new lawn. These start with site selection and what you are using it for:

1. Grass and fescues require sun light for maximum performance, areas with prolonged periods of shade may be better off with some other form of ground cover.
2. What is the area to be used for? Is it going to have a lot of wear and tear from children or pets? Will it be a low wear and tear area used accentuate your garden area?
3. Will irrigation be available and what is your soil type is it sandy, loam type or clay based, will I need to buy in soil?

## **Selecting the right lawn seed:**

Specialty Seeds have a range of lawn seed mixes selected to take out the guess work for you. However if, like many of our professional contractors / landscapers you have a specific requirement please contact us and we can custom blend to your requirements. Specialty Seeds can source any commercially available lawn seed cultivar.



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## Site preparation & Sowing Seeded Lawns

### Step 1 /

All seed should be sown on a well prepared seed bed free from perennial weeds i.e. couch. We advise a spray with a Roundup type product 5-7 days before you start your seed bed preparation.

### Step 2 /

When preparing your seedbed ensure when finished you have a firm and fine seed bed that is level. We suggest you incorporate a starter fertiliser while giving it the final working.

### Step 3 /

Sow your seed at between 25 - 30 grams per sq metre. We recommend that you split the total seed requirement into two halves (12 - 15 grams per sq metre). Apply the first half followed by the second half going on right angles to the first, this will ensure better coverage. You may have to use a thin layer of top soil at this stage.

### Step 4 /

Watering should start straight after sowing we recommend two light waterings every day until the seed is visible one morning and one evening is best. Once struck reduce watering to one per day (evening). While watering ensure you avoid over watering and ponding.



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## **Step 5 /**

Weeds will generally require a chemical application to control them. There is a wide range of chemicals for this job. Ensure the chemical is suitable for young establishing lawns. Care must be

taken when disposing of the treating lawn clippings. They are not suitable for use as compost.

## **Step 6 /**

Fertiliser is important to maintain the growth and colour of your new lawn. We recommend that you use a "little but often" approach to this job. We can recommend a wide range of lawn specific fertilisers for you to use.



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