



Rolawn[®]
Aftercare Guide

Maintaining your Rolawn lawn



Water it

Immediately after laying

Water

Watering your new Rolawn turf is the single most important step you need to take to establish a beautiful and healthy lawn.

Start watering on the day turf is laid. On hot days, you may need to commence watering large lawns prior to laying all the turf.

- Ensure that the new lawn is never short of water.
- Lift corners of the turf to check water has percolated through to the underlying soil.
- Water repeatedly until the turf is well established.
- If rainfall is experienced you still need to check that the lawn is receiving sufficient water.
- It is best to water turf in the early morning or during the evening so that less water is lost to evaporation.
- Once established, occasional watering during dry periods should be adequate.

Soon after laying

Mow

Be prepared to mow your new lawn as soon as it needs it, provided this can be done without disturbing the turf.

If turf is dislodged, replace it and allow the turf more time to establish before recommencing mowing.



- Don't delay. Most people allow turf to grow too long. Mowing encourages establishment, although this should be the only traffic in the first few weeks.
- Never remove more than one third of the grass blade length.
- Alternate the direction in which you mow your lawn.
- Clippings do not have to be collected if they are minimal, provided sunlight is reaching the blades of grass. Clippings in small amounts return nutrients to the soil encouraging a healthy lawn.



Mow it

Careful Maintenance is the Key to a Beautiful Lawn

The appearance of your Rolawn lawn will be affected by the environment it lives in and the treatment it receives. A healthy lawn requires a balance of air, food, water and light. An appropriate maintenance programme helps to keep these elements in balance.

Mowing

Rolawn Medallion® turf is used to a cut height of 25mm. You should aim for the same, removing no more than one third of the grass blade length at any one time. Adjust how often you mow your lawn dependent on how quickly the grass grows. In the peak growing seasons, frequent mowing can dramatically enhance your lawn's appearance.

If your lawn becomes too long, gradually bring it back down to the correct height. Mowing a lawn from 75mm down to 25mm in one cut will result in a weak, sparse, pale lawn.

Whatever type of mower you have, it must be well maintained, with blades sharpened at least once a year.

Feeding

It is vital your lawn receives sufficient nutrients. Rolawn recommend a balanced year round feeding programme, but as a minimum once in spring and again in autumn. Rolawn GroRight® Lawn Establishment Fertiliser can be used as a top feed.

Broadleaf Weed Treatment

Broadleaf weeds can be treated using a suitable selective herbicide or an all-in-one treatment.

Alternatively, you can weed them out using a knife or mechanical weeder, but make sure the root of the weed is removed.



Enhance it

Dealing with moss

If you have moss in your lawn you will need to scarify it out to allow the grass plants to grow. Scarification also reduces the build up of thatch which stops water and air penetrating through to the soil and prevents dense grass growth.

Apply a moss killer. Once the moss has turned brown/black, scarify using a spring-tine rake or a mechanical scarifier. Only scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old and the grass is actively growing.

Overseeding

Overseeding an established lawn is an essential part of annual lawn maintenance. It improves colour, helps fill in space or worn areas and gives your lawn a thicker, denser sward.

We recommend a mix of Rolawn Medallion® Lawn Seed and Lawn Topdressing brushed into the surface of the lawn.

For ornamental lawns and in areas of shade we recommend overseeding with Rolawn Minster Pro® Ornamental Lawn Seed. This is a mix of shade and drought tolerant grasses, with a fine bladed leaf and rich green colour.

Topdressing

Topdressing your lawn is vital to retain a level surface, improve drainage and control the build up of thatch.

It will enhance a lawn's appearance by stimulating new grass growth and increasing tolerance to wear and tear.

Rolawn Lawn Topdressing is a high quality, sand based, multi-purpose lawn dressing, designed for use on Rolawn lawns. It can also be used to improve any utility lawn. It can be applied any time, when the grass is actively growing. Apply at a rate of up to 3 litres/m² and work it into the lawn's surface with a stiff brush or back of a rake.

Aerating

Aerating helps to relieve compaction and assists with drainage.

Use a garden fork or powered aerator in spring and autumn to spike your lawn, especially before applying a lawn fertiliser or topdressing.

Other maintenance procedures

Other aftercare procedures for controlling pests and diseases should be undertaken to maintain the quality of the lawn.



Live it

Frequently Asked Questions

I have found some brown netting in the turf you supplied, what is it?

This is Oxygrid™ degradable netting, that we use in the majority of our turf. It helps to maintain the strength of the turf during the harvesting and transportation process. It will degrade over 1 to 4 years, dependent on climatic conditions. If it becomes exposed, use scissors or a knife to trim out what you can see.

I have patches of light brown unhealthy growth and red strands, what is it?

This is Red Thread disease, which is a common fungal turf issue. It is usually a sign of stress in the turf, it does not kill the grass plants, and it is solved through correct lawn maintenance. In most cases feeding the lawn will eradicate the issue and the patches will recover.

I have just laid a new lawn and it is looking very yellow, will it be ok?

This is usually a sign the turf was left rolled up too long. With light, air and water the turf will recover.

Do I need to water my lawn if we have a long dry spell?

No, most turf grass plants, especially those used in our Medallion turf, are quite happy to go very brown, dry and lifeless during drought conditions. They will recover when rainfall returns. This does not apply to newly laid turf which will need watering until well established.

Our dog uses the lawn, what is the best way of treating the 'patches' he creates?

We have no scientific answer, however, we know adding tomato ketchup or yoghurt to dog food, in small doses, can change the pH of dog urine to minimise the impact. This will be trial and error. Also, you can follow your dog and use a bucket of water thrown on the area they have used to dilute the impact on the turf.

I have a shaded area where turf struggles to grow, what do you recommend?

Shade can be tricky as there is no single answer, but there is a great article on our website www.rolawn.co.uk which may help. Enter shade into the search box at the top of the page and you should find it easily.

Care for it

Seasonal Lawn Maintenance

January/February

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Aerate.
- Service mower and ensure blades are sharp.
- Stay off the lawn if frozen or waterlogged.



March/April

- Start mowing the lawn as warmer weather stimulates turf growth and increase the frequency of mowing as required.
- Apply Rolawn Lawn Topdressing.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Patch damaged lawn areas and edges with Rolawn turf or lawn seed.
- Overseed if your lawn is more than 12 months old with Rolawn lawn seed.



May/June

- Increase mowing frequency, a little and often is the key.
- Aerate.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Water if rainfall is low.
- Treat established lawns containing weeds and moss with a proprietary weed and feed moss killer.





July/August

- Use water wisely, but to maintain colour in summer, more watering will probably be required. In times of drought your Rolawn lawn will go brown and dormant. It will recover when rainfall returns.
- Apply a Chafer Grub killer and Leatherjacket killer, if required.
- Make arrangements for your lawn to be mown whilst you are on holiday.



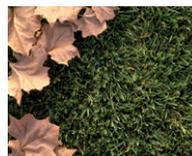
September/October

- Gradually decrease mowing frequency as grass growth slows, raising the height of cut as winter approaches.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Aerate.
- Treat established lawns containing weeds and moss with a proprietary weed and feed moss killer.
- Repair damaged or worn areas with new Rolawn turf or lawn seed.
- Apply Rolawn Lawn Topdressing.
- Allow worm casts to dry before brushing with a stiff broom.



November/December

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Mow if the lawn is still growing.
- Prune and thin foliage surrounding the lawn.
- Clean and oil all equipment before putting into winter storage.





Further Information

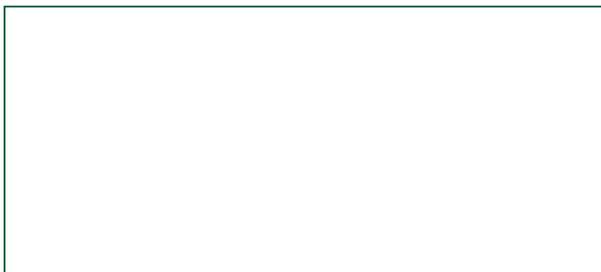
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