

# GEORGE DAVIES TURF LTD

## Step-by-step guide to the perfect lawn

George Davies Turf Ltd takes enormous pride in supplying you with the finest quality turf sourced from the best suppliers in the country. If you have just purchased turf from George Davies Turf, we strongly recommend that you read these step by step instructions and keep it for future reference

### Preparation checklist



#### Before you even order your turf you should have already prepared your ground

**REMOVE** old turf with a spade. Turn over the soil to a depth of at least 15cm, clearing stones, weeds and other debris. This process is crucial to achieving your perfect lawn.

**RAKING** – Rake over the ground so it is smooth and level.

**ROLL** – Lightly roll or tread surface to reveal any soft patches. Rake again to ensure it is completely level.

**TOPSOIL** – If your soil is of poor quality you will need to cover the ground with at least 15cm of good quality topsoil and then rake and roll as above. GDT Ltd sells topsoil in one tonne bags.



#### Only order your turf when your ground preparation is done

**MEASURE** – Measure in metres length x width. One roll of turf = 1m<sup>2</sup>.

**ORDER** – Place your order by telephone on 01234 714555/01727 821765 or email: [info@georgedaviesturf.co.uk](mailto:info@georgedaviesturf.co.uk).

Try to give us as at least two days notice, especially if you would like us to deliver your order.



#### Laying your turf

**UNROLL** – Start by unrolling one strip of turf around the edge of the lawn, making sure the turf has good contact with the ground. Continue in one straight row. Use planks of wood to avoid standing on the turf.

**STAGGER** – For the next row, stagger the turf in a similar pattern to brickwork until the lawn is laid. A rake may be used to press the turf down to contact soil.

**TRIM** – Avoid stretching the turf and trim ends of turf with a sharp knife or lawn edger.

**CIRCULAR LAWNS** – Start in the centre and work your way out.

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## Watering

*Water as soon as your lawn is laid  
or during laying if the weather is warm/hot*

Continue watering your turf at least twice a day in warm weather (preferably morning and evening) until it is well established. During cooler periods, watering once a day should be sufficient.

Ensure the edges especially are watered thoroughly.

Your turf will need to be watered throughout the Spring/Summer months. At other times of the year, water new turf until it is clear that the roots have established and bedded in.



## Mowing

*Don't wait too long for your first mow!  
Mowing is the secret of a perfect lawn*

**MOW LEVELS** – Mow the lawn as soon as it grows over about 25mm (one inch) long. Place the blades on the highest setting and gradually reduce this down to the optimum height 15-25mm. Never mow more than 25% off the length of the grass at all times.

**WALKING ON** – If you have to walk on the new turf please take care and use planks if available, but wait a few weeks before using it for more energetic activities. If your new turf dislodges, carefully put it back in place. If it dislodges whilst you are mowing, press down firmly and wait until it is bedded in.

**CLIPPINGS** – It is not necessary to collect clippings unless they cover the grass and prevent sunlight from reaching the lawn. Grass clippings are rich in nutrients and good for the turf.



## Feeding

**FERTILISER** – When your lawn starts to grow in March, put on the first application of nitrogen-based fertiliser. It is important to spread the fertiliser uniformly to maintain an even colour of grass. Using a spreader is the best way to ensure even coverage, but doing it by hand is the best method for smaller areas. During mid/late September a Winter feed fertiliser should be used.



## On-going maintenance

Continue all the above processes throughout the year as described. In addition, you may need to:

**SCARIFY** – Remove thatch and dead moss, usually in Autumn, to ensure air can penetrate.

**SEED** – Any patchy or discoloured areas can be treated with additional seed. GDT Ltd recommends Green Velvet All Rounder Lawn Seed. Seed can also be added with additional TOP DRESSING to maintain lawn levels. Make sure you AERATE the lawn prior to seeding with an aerator or fork to relieve compaction.

**OBSERVE FOR PESTS AND DISEASE** – Especially during growing seasons.



## Contact us

If you require any further advice please contact us on **01234 714555/01727 821765** to speak to one of our friendly team. Alternatively you can email us on **info@georgedaviesturf.co.uk** or visit our website **www.georgedaviesturf.co.uk**



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topsoil and mulch



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