

The 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 placed your order, we recommend you use this handy step by step guide to get the best results from your turf and keep it for future reference.

Preparation checklist

BEFORE YOU ORDER YOUR TURF YOU SHOULD

REMOVE - Your old turf with a spade or turf cutter. Rotavate/turnover the soil to a depth of at least 15CM, clearing stones, weeds and any other debris. This process is critical to achieving your perfect lawn.

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

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

TOPSOIL - If you need to increase your soil level, we can provide you with premium topsoil which is perfect for our turf.

ONLY ORDER YOUR TURF WHEN YOUR GROUND PREPARATION IS DONE

MEASURE - Calculate your turf measurements in square metres. One roll of turf is equal to 1 square metre, add additional 5% for any cuts or wastage.

ORDER - Place your order by telephone on **01234 714555/01727 821765** or e-mail: **info@georgedaviesturf.co.uk** we have fresh deliveries daily into our depot so call us for our latest availability or place your order online at **www.georgedaviesturf.co.uk**

LAYING YOUR TURF

For the best results you should lay your turf immediately after delivery, however, we understand that this is not always possible. To reduce the heat build up and the pressure from the bottom of the pallet, separate the rolls as much as possible. Store them in a dry shady area, do not cover them and do not water them until they have been laid.

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. For a more professional look lay the second row in the opposite direction. Make sure the turf makes good contact with the soil.

TRIM - Avoid stretching the turf and trim the ends of the turf with a sharp knife or lawn edger, a bread knife is perfect for this.

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



WATERING

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

Continue watering your turf early morning and late evening at least twice a day in warm weather until it is well-established, paying particular attention to the edges of your turf. During cooler periods watering once a day should be sufficient. You can check your turf has established by gently trying to lift the turf from the corner, if you feel resistance then your turf roots have embedded enough.

Each turf will require between two and five minutes of water depending on the local conditions; weather, drainage and the time of year. You want to drench the turf but not cause puddles.

MOWING

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

CUT HEIGHT - Mow the lawn as soon as your grass has established (approx. 2 weeks) Make sure your mower blades are sharp, place them on the highest setting and never mow more than 25% off the length of the grass.

WALKING ON - If you have to walk on the new turf please take care and use planks if available. Wait a few weeks before using it for more energetic activities. If your new turf dislodges, carefully put it back in place.

CLIPPINGS - Remove any clippings from your lawn.

FEEDING

FERTILISER - When your lawn starts to grow in March, put on the first application of our slow-release spring 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 our winter feed fertiliser should be used. Follow the instructions on the packet and apply before rainfall for optimum effect.

ON-GOING MAINTENANCE

MOW - Regularly mow as long as your lawn is still growing, even in the colder months.

SCARIFY - Use a spring rake to remove thatch and dead moss, in spring and autumn, to improve air circulation.

AERATE - Make sure you aerate the lawn prior to seeding with an aerator or fork to relieve compacted areas.

SEED - Any patchy or discoloured areas can be treated with additional seed. We recommend SeedNova Lawn Seed. Seed can be added with TOP DRESSING to maintain lawn levels.

WATCH CLOSELY FOR PESTS AND DISEASE ESPECIALLY DURING GROWING SEASONS -

Refer to the Turf troubleshooter and lawn maintenance calendar on our website



CONTACT US

If you require any further advice please contact us on **01234 714555/01727 821765** to speak to one of our friendly team.

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