

## STEP 4: WATERING

Give your new lawn at least 2-3cm of water within 1/2 hour of installation. Water daily or more often, keeping the turf moist until it is firmly rooted. (This normally takes about 2 weeks.)

After a couple of weeks (or when you believe your turf has become firmly rooted), less frequent and deeper watering should begin. Depending upon conditions, this should be once every couple of days.

Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. However, be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods.

You may care to water areas near buildings more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

## MAINTENANCE

Because it is likely that your new lawn will increase your property value significantly, you no doubt will want to give it proper care to ensure that it remains a great asset. Let's face it, your new lawn not only provides an improved ambience for your home, but it also delivers a clean playing surface for children and an improved environment for entertaining and socialising.

During the first three weeks, try to avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn, giving the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil.

After a few weeks, you will probably feel comfortable mowing the lawn, but try to remove no more than 1/3 of the grass height when mowing. Be sure to keep your mower blades sharp, to help maintain an even cut.

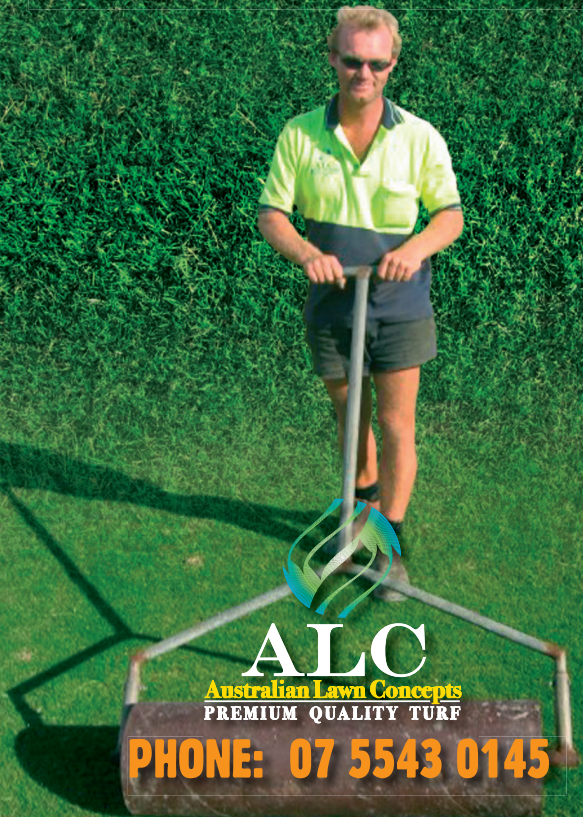
Fertilizer and other applications will depend on climate, insects and other conditions, so please feel free to contact us at any time to discuss such things.

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# INSTALLING YOUR TURF MADE EASY!

**Congratulations on deciding to purchase "instant turf" from Australian Lawn Concepts. By doing so, you can enjoy a lawn of instant beauty and maturity, without the usual time-consuming hassles of seeding.**

**The following are basic steps to helping you establish a beautiful lawn, so that you can not only improve the ambience of your property, but also its market value!**



## STEP 1:

### MEASURING & ORDERING

Simply using a tape measure, walk around your yard and measure the area of your planned lawn. Perhaps you might like to prepare a quick sketch of the lawn area on a piece of paper, with the length, width and any unusual features included. Just remember that prompt installation on the day of delivery of your lawn is important, to ensuring that you get the best results.



## STEP 2: SOIL PREPARATION

In order to achieve the best result, spread top soil across the area which you intend turfing, to a depth of around 10-15cm. Eliminate any future drainage problems by ensuring that the soil slopes away from any housing foundations or pathways. You may care to rake in fertilizer or compost to a depth of around 7-10cm, giving your new lawn the best possible chance of quickly establishing itself. Rake and smooth the soil, removing any rocks or roots of previous plants.

You may care to hire a "roller" in order to roll the area to ensure you have a smooth surface. Simply fill your lawn roller 1/3 with water and by rolling, you will firm the soil surface and reveal low areas that perhaps need some more soil. (Such rollers are easily hired from any builders' supply service such as Kennards or Ready-Hire. Simply look in the Yellow Pages under "Hire – builders and handyman's equipment").

Be sure to keep your soil about 2-3cm below sidewalks or driveways, because remember, your turf is yet to be laid on top.

Water the prepared area to settle the soil and provide a moist base for your turf. Moistening to a depth of 15cm is recommended.

## STEP 3: INSTALLATION

Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Begin watering your lawn within 30 minutes of installation, as turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture to prosper.

Begin installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or path. Butt and push edges and ends against each other tightly, without stretching.

Avoid gaps or overlaps. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a sharp knife to trim corners, etc.

Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges, as they will not retain moisture.

On slopes, avoid walking or kneeling on the turf as much as you can, whilst it is being installed or just after watering.

After installing the turf, roll the entire area to improve the turf/soil contact – and remove air pockets if possible.

