

HOW TO LAY TURF

PLANNING - CHOOSING A VARIETY - MEASURING & ORDERING - PREPARING - LAYING - MAINTENANCE



Get a great looking lawn with our expert advice and tips on laying turf, including our step-by-step guide below to show you how. Whilst laying out the turf itself is an easy job, you'll get best results if you spend some time measuring your lawn area correctly, preparing the area and following our tips to get your lawn well established afterwards.

Step 1. Planning

When it comes down to landscaping your backyard, always be sure to leave turf until last. This way, you won't have to work over your fresh new turf whilst tending to other jobs.

Step 2. Choosing a variety

Now it's time to choose your turf type. It is critical you do your research as different varieties of turf perform very differently from one another. Make sure you seek professional advice on which grass variety suits your situation. Be sure to factor in future shade, wear and tear and access to water. Below are the 3 most common turf varieties. Visit one of our branches to see the below, and more on display.

Sir Grange

The black tie of lawns



Sir Grange's soft, luxurious feel and fine leaf makes it the choice for elite lawns across the world.

But Sir Grange is no softy when it comes to survival. Originally created for the golf industry, Sir Grange has very high drought resistance and wear tolerance. It's the top selling turf in the USA and has been tried and tested for the Australian climate. Its resistance to wear makes it a fantastic home lawn for anyone looking for a softer grass and a smoother, more European look than buffalo gives.

As well as its high drought resistance, wear tolerance and shade tolerance, Sir Grange needs only four hours of direct sunlight a day. With a fine, dark green leaf, it is a low maintenance turf with low nitrogen requirements and needs 50% less mowing than other common turf varieties.



Sir Walter

The great all rounder



Australia's number one turf! Sir Walter Buffalo DNA Certified Turf has proved time and time again it will grow anywhere; in full sun or shade, in extreme heat, frost or drought. Since 1997 over 50 million metres of Sir Walter have sold Australia wide - the equivalent to 450,000 homes!

Born right here in Australia, Sir Walter is a premium soft-leaf buffalo that is bred to be tough, but also soft and good looking! Sir Walter's roots grow deep into the subsoil, gathering moisture all year round. It is less invasive into gardens than Kikuyu or Couch and requires less mowing than Kikuyu (approx. 50% in summer). Our Sir Walter is DNA certified with a warranty certificate and a 10-year guarantee from Lawn Solutions Australia!

All turf is brought in fresh to order, to ensure you get the best result from your lawn. Place your order before midday today and we will deliver your turf tomorrow! (Saturday and Sunday orders will be freshly cut on Monday and delivered on Tuesday). Please note, we do sometimes have excess turf, so if you need your turf that day, call us on 8543 3401. Rolls of Sir Walter measure approximately 1.7x0.6m.



TifTuf

Perfect for kids & pets



TifTuf's outstanding water-saving efficiency has made it the first, and currently the only, Australian turf to be awarded the Smart Approved WaterMark. The Smart Approved WaterMark program has been created by the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) to help consumers identify products, services and organisations that use water efficiently. Qualifying for the WaterMark is a strict process—it took TifTuf four years to complete it! You can find out more about the criteria at the Smart WaterMark website.

TifTuf is a Bermuda turf that was researched and developed over 25 years to have excellent drought tolerance, shade tolerance and wear tolerance. It's dense enough to handle high wear situations like backyards and sports fields, while its very fine dark green blade keeps it soft underfoot.

TifTuf is suitable for full sun areas, but is also very tolerant of shade, needing only four hours of direct sunlight a day. It's also weed and insect resistant. And TifTuf maintains a strong winter colour and greens up fast in spring.

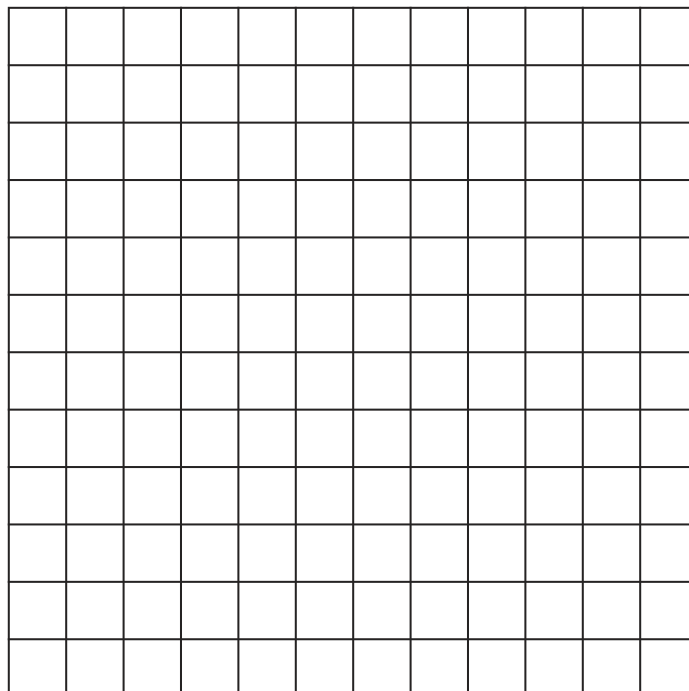
Keeping it COOL

On hot days we keep our turf in a fancy, computer controlled, cool room so it doesn't dry out, ensuring your turf is in optimal condition for laying.



Step 3. Measuring and ordering your turf

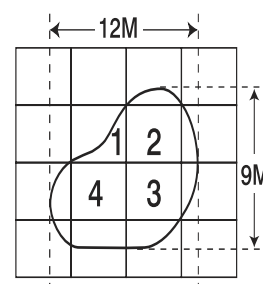
Measure the length and width of regular areas in metres and multiply to calculate the amount of turf required in square metres. For irregular shaped areas, sketch onto paper to make it easier to calculate areas. Allow an extra 15% for shaping, cutting and joining turf rolls. Use below grid to work out square meters required. Once you have square meters, give BC Sands a call on (02) 8543 3400 or order online at bcsands.com.au/turf.



The grass will be greener on the other side.

Your neighbours will be green with envy.

No more puns, I promise...



Timing

You can lay turf all year round. We always have turf for sale, other than when there has been extremely heavy rain, because then rolls cannot be cut.

It is best to have your turf delivered on the day you intend to lay it, so be sure to have all your preparation done beforehand. Ring BC Sands a few days before to place your order. Once cut from the farm, the turf is under stress and will easily dry out, so the sooner it is laid and watered the better.

HOT TIP - Order as far in advance (a few days at least) as possible to ensure you receive your order when you need it!



Step 4. Preparing the area

To ensure the best out of you lawn, the laying area must be well prepared. So when preparing your site for laying new lawn one main rule should be obeyed. Turf requires a loose surface on which to be laid. There are many ways to achieve this result.

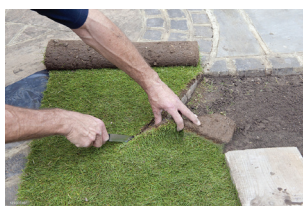
The steps are as follows:

1. For best results it is always advisable to kill any existing weeds or grass by spraying a herbicide such as Zero or Roundup. Spray directly onto the weeds and unwanted grass. For maximum effectiveness wait at least a week after spraying before you lay your new turf.
2. Dig into the existing ground as deep as you can. If you have a large area, using a rotary hoe will make the job a lot easier. Rake and level the area, removing sticks, stones & other debris as you go.
3. If the soil is a clay type it is a good idea to mix 1kg of Gypsum per 1m² into the ground (if the clay is heavy the rate should be doubled).
4. Spread a minimum of 50mm of BC Sands Premium Turf Gro over the areas on which the turf is to be laid.
5. This will provide turf with a good base for roots to take and provides nutrient and improved drainage.
6. Fertilisers, such as LSA Lawn Launcher can also be raked into the ground as this will add extra nutrients as the lawn starts to take.
7. After fertilising it is a good idea to give the soil a good soaking, as this is a more efficient way of keeping your new turf watered as the soil is already damp (fertilise just before rain).



Step 5. Laying the turf

1. Start at a straight line such as a fence or path.
2. It is best to lay one roll alongside all pathways, edges, gardens, etc. and then fill in the remainder of the area, laying the turf in one direction. Have the ends staggered, like the way bricks are laid, as this will help to establish the roots.
3. Make sure all the joins of the turf are snugly together without overlapping or spaces between the strips. If you have a sloping site, laying turf across the slope will help to prevent erosion.
4. Cut around obstacles (tree's etc.) with a sharp knife or a shovel. Make sure the sod is in contact with the ground. Rolling is optional (to smooth out bumps).



Step 6. Maintenance of new turf

1. Watering Requirements: Each type of turf requires a different maintenance schedule. However, all new lawns require daily watering for the first week. Gradually reduce frequency as time passes. Check with your local council about watering restrictions.
2. Mowing: It is important to give a new lawn time to establish before you mow it for the first time. Let the grass grow to a height of 5-6cm before the first mowing and then only reduce the height to 3-4cm on the first cut. Ensure your mower blades are sharp. No more than 40% of the lawn's leaf should be removed in a cut; otherwise the balance between roots, leaves and stems will be disturbed.
3. Fertilise 4 weeks after laying the turf, using a complete fertiliser such as LSA Premium Fertiliser. Make sure it is well watered in immediately because if it is not it will burn the lawn.



Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Killer | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Leveller | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Hoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsum | <input type="checkbox"/> Hose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping Rake | <input type="checkbox"/> LSA Lawn Launcher | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Grow soil | <input type="checkbox"/> LSA Premium Fertiliser | |



THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR!

Drainage

It is critical, and often overlooked, to consider drainage and water flow when preparing your base ready for turf. Try to ensure no water is sitting on the lawn, or flowing towards buildings in heavy rain events. BC Sands has a large range of drains and drainage products. Our friendly staff are very knowledgeable, and always happy to assist. We can also put you in touch with the professionals for a quote.

Drying out

During the early stages of your lawns life, it is crucial to ensure it gets plenty of water to stay alive. Keep an eye out for any sign of your lawn drying out. The leaves could be curling, thinning or changing colour. If this is the case, you know you need to apply more water.

Seedhead

If your new lawn is producing a seed head, it means it is under stress. It could be either hungry or thirsty or both. This is a sign your lawn is due for an application of fertiliser or is crying out for more water.

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