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CARE GUIDELINES FOR YOUR NEW LAWN

LAYING TIMESCALES:

Turf should be laid immediately and watered once supplied, on the day of purchase. Once your lawn has been laid there are various care factors which must be followed to ensure your turf becomes well established as a lawn and remains in a healthy condition.

WATERING:

This is one of the most important requirements to establish a healthy lawn. Turf can be laid throughout the year providing it is not laid during a hard frost or in the snow. Whatever the time of year the turf will need watering to allow the roots to grow into the soil beneath. Of course, this will take longer in the late Autumn and Winter as the natural growing rate of the grass slows down. During dry periods, i.e. no rain for two days, please water your lawn every day. The amount of water should be approximately six litres of water per square metre or until the soil beneath the turf is wet. During hot, sunny, summer days it may be necessary to water the turf both morning and night. A good guideline is to lift a corner of the turf and check for dampness of the soil beneath. Once the lawn is established, i.e. the turf is rooted into the soil below, watering needs to be carried out twice weekly at the rate of twelve litres of water per square metre. **Please remember dry periods can occur in Winter as well as Summer but the lawn should not be watered if there is a chance of frost.**

MOWING:

The grass should be first cut when it reaches 25mm high in growth. Before cutting the lawn remove any debris, leaves, etc., and brush off any worm casts. It should be cut with a well sharpened mower with the blade set at about 19mm above the new lawn. The next ten cuts should be made when the grass is 44mm high with the mower set to cut at 16mm high.

WEEDS:

The turf laid by Garden Care Contracting Ltd is supplied seed sown and weed free. **However, no matter how carefully the ground is prepared, a growth of indigenous weeds and grasses may appear as spores and seeds can germinate after being wind blown or carried by birds,** etc. Coarse grasses can be removed by hand and annual weeds will disperse with regular cutting. Any resulting holes should be filled with sifted soil and have new seed applied.

MUSHROOMS:

During the turf harvesting process the roots and fibre layer of the turf are cut and begin to be broken down by micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi. This is a normal biological process. The fungus which lives in newly laid turf produces characteristic toadstools which are invariably small and brown. They may persist for a few weeks at most, but will then disappear. There may be a prolonged mushroom growth depending on the season and climate conditions. Mushrooms are also produced by fine particles of timber in the soil, these particles exist because most soil has a recycled content nowadays. The fact that we have to water the turf makes it ideal conditions for the mushrooms to grow.

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GUARANTEE:

Due to the fact that turf is a living product and the way it is treated greatly affects its performance, subsequently we offer the following guarantees.

If we supply and lay:

We guarantee the turf on any newly laid lawn up to the point it becomes established or 2 months whatever is sooner. Problems with layout or levels need to be notified within 24 hours, for us to make immediate reparations before the turf roots.

If we just supply:

Turf that is purchased from our retail organisation Garden Care Supplies Limited is only guaranteed for 24 hours after purchase. Subsequently any claims or disagreement need to be notified and the turf returned within this timescale. The turf will need to be returned for credit or refund. **Please note we only refund or replace with a valid receipt.**

If you are unsure about any aspect of your new lawn please do not hesitate to call us.

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