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LAWN CARE

WATERING YOUR LAWN

One of the most critical aspects of establishing a new lawn is making sure that the turf does not dry out. The lawn will need to be regularly watered for the first two weeks to make sure it establishes satisfactorily.

Note: New roots should emerge by the fourth day

Note: Once established the lawn should be watered once a week to encourage deeper root growth (one good soaking is better than many light sprinklings which results in short root growth and an unthrifty lawn)

Note: Be aware of any Council water restrictions.

FERTILIZING YOUR LAWN

Lawns require a balanced NPK fertilizer for healthy growth (eg: Crop King 88)

Nitrogen is needed for colour and leaf growth, Phosphorus for root growth and Potassium for plant hardiness.

A "rule of thumb" program would be to fertilize at the start of Spring, mid-Summer and at the end of Autumn.

Note: Organic fertilizers (eg. Dynamic Lifter can be substituted for CK88)

Note: To ensure even fertilizing, the purchase of a spreader is a good investment (hand held ones are quite cheap)

Note: Check labels for rates



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MOWING YOUR LAWN

Mowing can commence once the new lawn is established, usually two to three weeks after laying. It is safe to mow when you can't pull any of the pieces up. It is important to mow regularly to encourage a thick, healthy lawn.

Mowing heights:

Wintergreen Couch: 20-25mm

Aussieblue: 20-30mm

Palmetto: 30-50mm

Note: NEVER mow off more than 1/3 of the grass height

ARMY WORMS (LAWN GRUBS)

From time to time (usually between November and April) lawns can be subject to lawn grub infestation. If a well-kept lawn has areas that are browning off quickly it is most likely due to lawn grub activity. Control can be had by spraying in the late afternoon with a registered "grub killer". If in doubt contact Wide Bay Turf for advice.