



TURF CARE INFORMATION LEAFLET

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Laying Turf

A square metre roll measures approximately 610mm (24") x 1640mm (64.5"). Only a few tools are actually needed to lay your new turf; a wheelbarrow, a rake and a spade, some scaffolding planks and a way of watering the turf. Start by carrying the turf to the furthest point from the delivery area. Then, if you get tired you will be carrying the turf rolls the shortest distance from the end of the job.

Turf must be rolled out within 24 hours in the Autumn/Winter and immediately in Spring/Summer.

Start laying turves preferably along a straight row, butting closely end to end. On subsequent rows stagger the joints in brickwork fashion.

Planks should be placed on newly laid turves for walking along and working from. Lightly firm down the turves to ensure good contact between the soil and the underside of each turf. The head of a rake held vertically and pressed against the turf is ideal. Never use a roller on freshly laid turf.

After Care

Watering

Unless there is heavy rain actually falling immediately after laying you should NEVER leave newly laid turf unwatered. Immediately after laying, turf needs water and plenty of it for at least 10 days.

It is important to give all of the roots a really good soaking. Grass only takes in water through the turf into the underlying soil. Watering must be repeated until the turf has established – it is the single most important step needed to establish a healthy lawn. We will not replace turf due to insufficient watering which is something beyond our control. Mowing is the second most important act of lawn maintenance. You can start mowing at least 10 days after laying turf, providing it can be done without disturbing the rooting process. Most people leave the grass height at around 25mm (1"). Do not mow shorter than this. Doing so will cause significant problems.

The three points about mowing are: Don't delay! This may cause disease. Mow your lawn as recommended above. Always remember to keep off the grass for at least 10 days – 2 weeks. Don't let the grass grow too long. If this does happen reduce the height gradually never removing more than one third of the grass height at any one time.

Keep your lawn mower in good condition with a sharp blade to ensure a clean cut.

Complaints and cancellations

Celtic turf products are sold subject to our general conditions of sale and supply. These are available from our Head Office. If there is any conflict between what is stated here and our general conditions of sale and supply our conditions will apply.

Turf is a perishable living product. Each roll consists of thousands of individual grass plants. Turf must be laid in a time frame that is consistent with the guidance given. If the time frame guidance given is not achievable please postpone your order until it is. Rolled up turf acts like a blanket retaining heat whilst at the same time depriving the grass of air and light. Within the time periods set out earlier this is not a problem. However, if this happens in very hot weather and there is ANY delay in laying the turf it may suffer from overheating which can kill the turf.

It is essential that all preparation is complete before the turf arrives and that the laying begins immediately on pre-watered soil. Where applicable take turf from more than one pallet at a time.

Annual meadow grass

We will make strenuous effort to minimize the presence of annual meadow grass in our turf. We believe no one in our industry does more. We even have a significant part of our turf production tested every year by the Sports Turf Research Institution, which is an independent body. Full copies of their reports are available on request. However, it is not possible to take all our counter measures against this weed grass all of the time therefore we do not sell our turf as being free from annual meadow grass.

Toadstool in Turf

When conditions are right for them toadstools may appear in turf whether long established or recently laid. Generally, they are harmless but they should not be eaten. They occur because of a combination of warm and wet conditions.

Removing toadstools is easy but they may persist for a time. Remove by picking them off (wearing gloves), however if they are too numerous they can be mown off with a box on lawn mower in order to collect them. Following a good mowing regime should help reduce the frequency of appearance of toadstools. Also sharp frosts tend to reduce a toadstool population.

We will not replace any turf because toadstools appear, they are caused by nature which is beyond our control.

Installing turf in heavy shade

Turf responds to conditions in which it is placed. If turf is grown in heavy shade it will lose its density and colour and become sparse.

Installing turf immediately next to buildings, tall hedges or directly under trees or a tree canopy will cause the turf to become thinner. Trees will also compete for water. A visit to any wood or forest confirms nature's message that grass will not grow in heavy shade.

We will not replace turf affected by heavy shade.

We will not replace any turf damaged by poor mowing.

Fusarium

If laying turf in the autumn/winter months in mild conditions you will need to be aware of a turf disease called Fusarium.

Our supplier does not harvest turf that has active Fusarium. However, if the weather conditions are right it can develop overnight. It is not unusual disease and although it can be unsightly it will not kill turf. Signs of recovery may not be noticeable until the growing season commences. We do not replace turf because of Fusarium.

Remember: Turf is just the start of a lawn. Without proper care and attention even the best quality turf can still look sad and neglected.

