



# GUIDE TO LAYING TURF

There's nothing quite like a beautiful lawn to spruce up your outdoor living area. Installing turf allows you to enjoy a lawn of instant beauty and maturity without the usual time-consuming hassles of seeding. Your new turf lawn increases your property value significantly, and with proper care, it will remain a great asset, providing beauty, a clean playing surface and an improved environment.

## Installing Turf for an Instant Lawn

Nuway's professionally raised grass is high quality turf which is sturdy and dense from the outset. Although the initial cost of turf is more than grass seed, seeding costs about the same in the long run, since you have to over-seed in spring and autumn following the initial seeding to grow a dense lawn.

We have prepared this easy 4-step guide to assist you in installing a beautiful lawn.

### STEP 1 - Measuring & Ordering:

Think of your lawn as a garden of grass. Before planting, prepare the soil as you would any garden bed.

Measure the area of your planned lawn. Include these measurements on a sketch of the lawn area, with the length, width, along with any obstacles such as trees and any unusual features. If you need help figuring a square metre, your friendly Nuway team member will be happy to determine the amount you will need from your sketch (see graph on reverse side for your use).

Schedule your order for delivery of the turf after preparatory work is completed and you are ready to install. Prompt installation is crucial to a strong beginning for your lawn.

### STEP 2 - Preparation:

Spray out existing weeds and grasses (allow minimum of 10-14 days for a good kill) with a systemic weed killer such as Round-up. Be careful around existing shrubs to not let the spray hit them. If you have an existing lawn, remove existing grass after it dies and haul away. If you have an underground sprinkler system, be sure to flag the sprinkler heads so you won't damage them during preparation and installation.

Rake out the area and smooth the soil removing rocks, roots and large clods. Talk to your Nuway representative to see if your site will require an under-turf mix. We have a wide range available to suit your specific site conditions



To further assist you in obtaining a professional finish, Nuway has available for hire a lawn roller. Roll the area lightly with the roller 1/3rd to 1/2 full of water. This will firm the soil surface and reveal low areas that need more soil. Eliminate any drainage problems by having soil slope away from foundations etc. Keep the grade 25mm below sidewalks or driveways (the turf is about 25mm thick). It is a good idea to rake again lightly after rolling. Water the prepared area to settle soil and provide a moist base for turf. Moistening to a depth of 75-150mm is recommended for most soils.

### STEP 3- Turf Installation:

Install your lawn immediately upon delivery or return home. Begin watering lawn within 30 minutes of installation. Turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture to survival.

In hot weather, protect unlaidd turf by placing stacks in shade, covering with moist hessian and/ or sprinkling.

Begin installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk. This first line is important, as it will help you establish the entire lawn correctly. 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 large sharp knife to trim corners, sprinkler heads, sidewalks, etc. Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges as they will not retain moisture. On slopes, place the turf pieces across the slope instead of up or down the slope. Tamp the turf or gently use a roller to establish good root contact with the soil. Fill any gaps with loose soil. To avoid causing indentations on air pockets, avoid repeated walking or kneeling on the turf while it is being installed or just after watering. After installing the turf, roll the entire area to reduce air pockets.



#### STEP 4- Watering:-

Give your new lawn 25mm of water within 1 hour of installation. Water daily, or more often especially on hot and windy days), KEEPING TURF MOIST, until it is firmly rooted and knitted together (about 2 weeks). Once the turf has knit, it should be watered enough over the first few months to maintain a healthy growing condition. Once established, weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods. Water areas near buildings more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

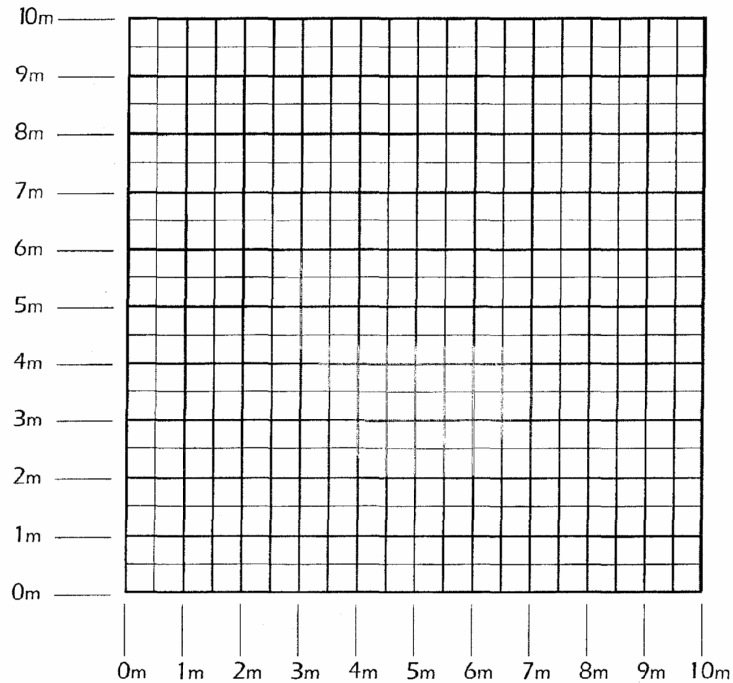
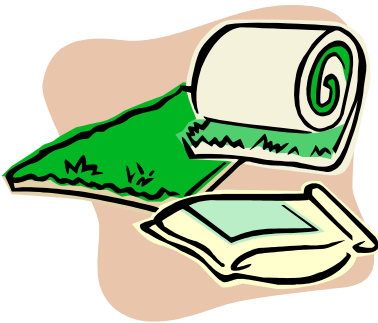
**CAUTION:** During the first three weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn.

This includes keeping your larger dogs off the area. This gives the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with soil and ensures that the turf will remain smooth.

#### Maintenance:-

Approximately 7 to 10 days from time of installation, mow with a sharp mower. The first mow should not be attempted until turf is firmly rooted and secure in place. Generally, remove no more than 1/3rd of the grass height at a mowing. Keep your mower blade sharp. Fertilizers and chemical applications will depend on climate, turf type, soil, insects, weed and disease conditions. We can also assist with your fertilizer and maintenance requirements.

For further reading, please also see our "Guide to Top Dressing" which also looks at lawn repairs.



**Nuway's Easy Measure Guide**

#### AVAILABLE FOR HIRE AT NUWAY:

- Lawn Roller
- Wheel Barrow
- Soil Spreader

