

Soft Leaf Buffalo - Installation & Maintenance Advice

Installation

- Rotary hoe or spread top soil to a depth of 100mm
- Level out soil to 10-20mm below edges and paths
- Evenly broadcast supplied starter fertiliser
- Lay turf back & forth across area, keeping rolls close together
- You may roll with a heavy roller if you wish
- Give turf a **HEAVY** soaking immediately after installation to ensure the air between the turf and soil is removed. A roller can assist with this step.
- During cooler months and hot months sand can be placed in joins to assist establishment.

Watering

- Once Established, if weather is hot& humid— don't over water

Fertilising

- Fertilise every four months with 'Pivot' 900 or 'Pivot' 400 fertiliser - this is readily available from your local Pivot dealer
- Apply at the rate of 3kg per 100 square metres - half a 15Lt bucket to 100 square metres
- Hand broadcast on to dry lawn, then water in
- An application of a seaweed solution eg: Seasol in mid Autumn as well as Pivot for improved winter colour

First month care

- Watering start times recommended are 6am, 11am & 3pm for the first 3 weeks- Watering time will vary between watering systems.
- First mow should be as soon as you can pull on the leaf of the grass and it holds firm on the ground. Usually around two weeks. Don't allow the grass to get too long before it's first mow. Mow regularly until the lawn settles in.
- Keep turf moist at all times
- **Extra Caution is needed until lawn is well rooted down**

Mowing

- Mow when the grass is dry if possible
- Use a catcher
- Keep lawnmower blades sharp
- Mow at a height of 1 to 1.5 inches

Weeds

- **CAUTION:** Do not use 'Dicamba' based sprays on Buffalo lawn eg; Weed & Feed.
- Clover and other flat weeds can be controlled with 'Bin-Die' for Buffalo. Bromicide & MCPA can be safely used but browning will be noticeable. Only spot spray weeds.
- Use the lighter rates and re-apply after 3 weeks if needed. Sprays are slow to work. For Wintergrass (Poa annua) use 'Paocheck'.
- For annual rye grass, regular mowing will eventually remove the grass from the area or 'Destiny' can be applied

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