

Kikuyu - 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.

Watering

- Once Established, if weather is hot & humid - don't over water
- Early morning deep waters and then a couple of dry days are better for healthy root systems than shallow regular watering.
- Watering rates vary with seasons and your yards soil profile so find out what works for you

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
- Hand broadcast on to dry lawn, then water in
- An application of a seaweed solution eg: Seasol can really help winter colour if applied around Easter. However, still give the lawn a good feed of Pivot fertiliser during that period as well.

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 regularly & maintain a low grass height. The shorter the grass height over summer the better the grass will maintain colour into winter. Spongy grass will go dormant rapidly with frosts.
- Kikuyu does not like to have wet soil during winter. A free draining soil is essential in partly shady areas.

Weeds

- A healthy lawn should keep most weeds at bay, but for flat weeds such as cape weed 'daisies' & Patterson's curse you can use 'Kamber M' or most flat weed chemicals from your nursery.
- For grassy weeds use 'Destiny', a NUTURF product, to remove them. This is available either directly on 1800361008 or from your local chemical supplier

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