

Seeding a New Canturf Lawn

With lawn seed you can achieve a lawn at a lower cost, however it will be six to twelve months until your lawn is fully established. Seed should ideally be sown in either Spring or Autumn. Canturf's premium quality lawn seed is specially blended to withstand the harsh, frosty winters and the long, hot summers of Canberra and the Southern Highlands.

For cool-season grasses which grow best in Autumn, spring, and, in some areas, winter, the best time to plant is late summer to early Autumn. At that time of year, the ground is still warm enough for quick germination, and the young grass plants have the entire upcoming cool season to become established. Early spring is the second-best time to start a cool-season lawn from seed. The young grass has less time to become established before the onset of hot weather, but results are usually satisfactory as long as you start seeding early enough. Warm-season grasses are best planted in late spring. At that time, the weather is still mild enough to let you get the grass established.

To prepare your site, dig or rotovate the soil to a depth of around 15 – 20 cm. It is best to leave it to settle for a while. After leaving the seed bed new weeds may have started to grow so once again remove any weeds. Once you have prepared your site, estimate the size of your area in square meters, calculate the amount of seed required and select from one of Canturf's premium seed blends, all of which are suited to the cooler climate of Canberra and the Southern Highlands.

Spread the first half of your selected seed by walking in one direction and then spread the second half crisscross to the first direction. you can do this by hand or with a seed spreader. This pattern ensures even coverage. To ensure good contact between seed and soil, rake or roll the entire area with a roller that you've filled only halfway with water.



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A lawn starter fertiliser should be used when sowing to promote germination and initial growth. Canturf Lawn Starter fertiliser will provide essential phosphorus and nutrients to give your lawn seed the extra help it needs to establish a strong root system. You may choose to sow and fertilise separately or you can mix two parts seed starter to one part seed (by weight) and spread fertiliser and seed at once. Apply half the seed/fertiliser mix to the entire area as evenly as possible.



Seeds germinate in about 2 weeks

Keep the soil continuously moist during germination and early establishment. Apply the water gently so that you don't wash the seed away or create puddles. Regular watering is essential until the grass is at least 2cm high and growing strongly at which time you can gradually switch it to a less often, deep watering routine. Keep traffic from kids, pets etc off your newly seeded, very wet lawn. As your new lawn becomes established, ease up on the water. Too much water will rot the young seedlings and can inhibit root growth. Moist but not drowning is a good rule of thumb.

When your lawn has reached 75 mm in height, mow to around 60 mm and maintain this level with regular mowing. Remember to mow when the soil is on the dry side; otherwise, you might tear up the new turf.

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