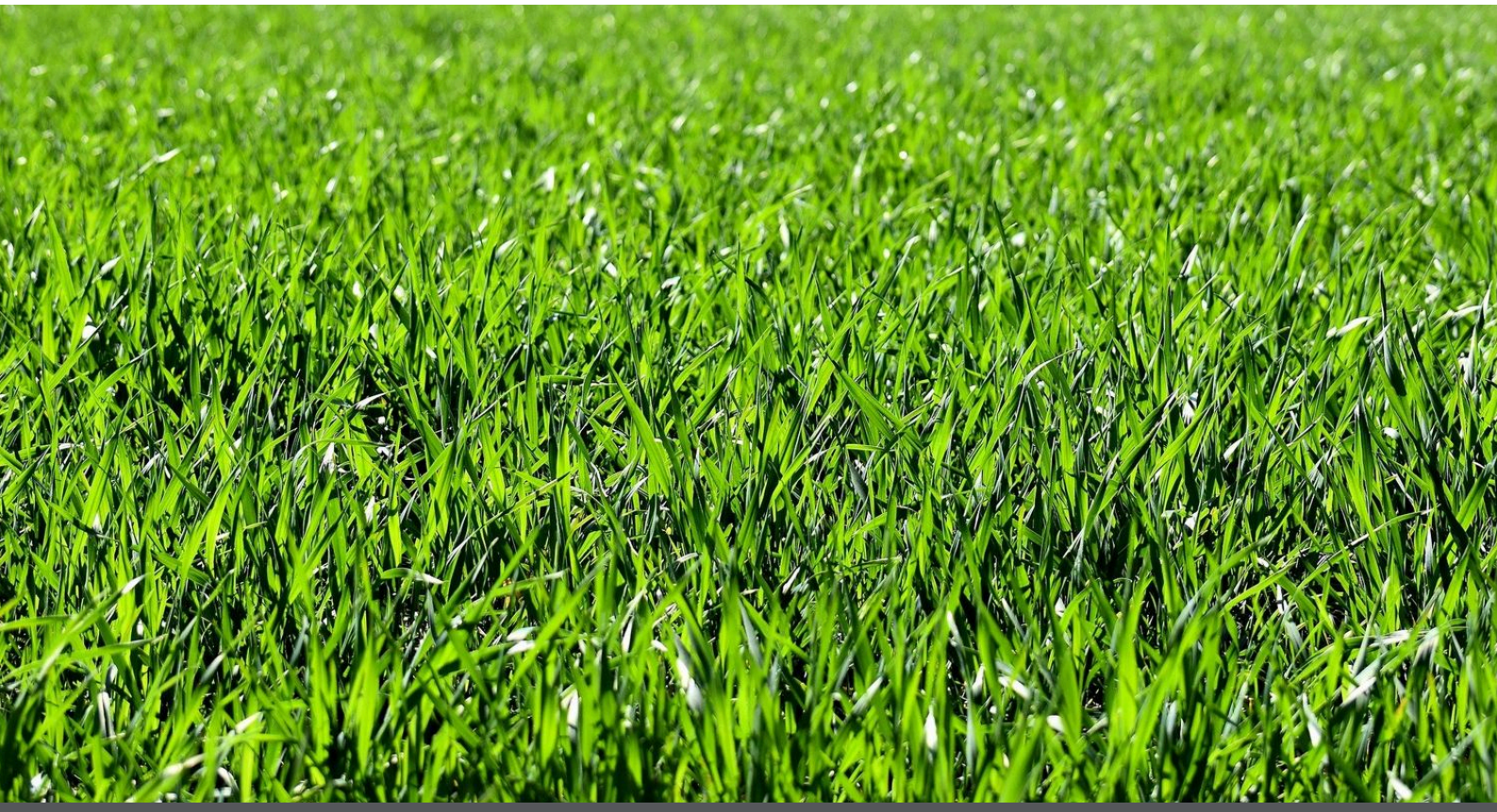
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Lawn care guide

Looking after your new lawn

A simple guide to the first few weeks, and the year after.



The first three weeks

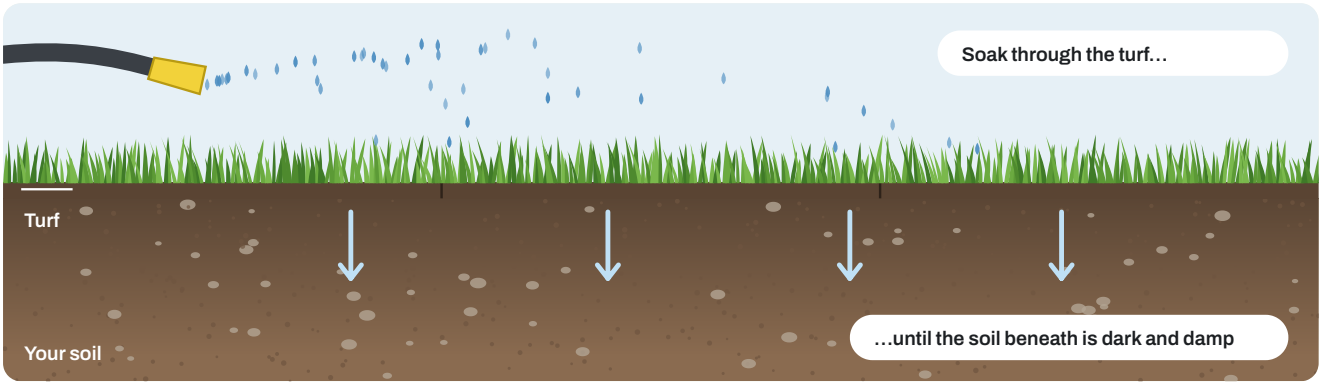
New turf has no roots in your soil yet, so for now it relies on you for water.

Daily
water for 2 weeks

2–3 weeks
keep off the lawn

Week 3
first mow

6 weeks
first feed

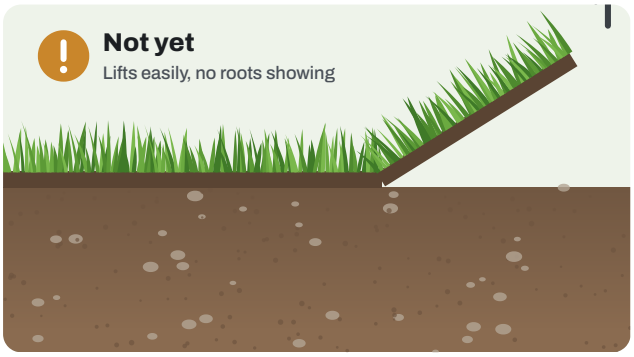


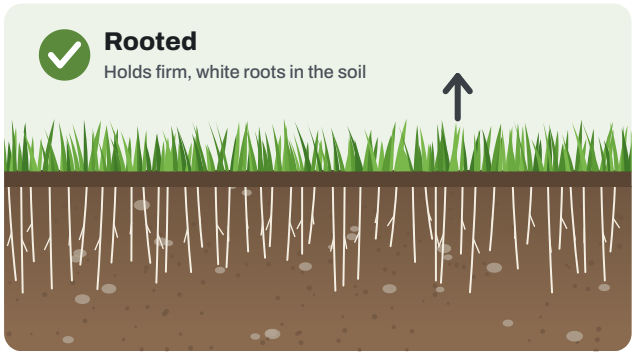
1 Water every day

- Start on the day it's laid.
- Once a day for 2 weeks, morning or evening.
- Soak it until the soil underneath is damp.

2 Keep off

- Stay off for 2–3 weeks: people, pets and furniture.
- If you must cross it, walk on boards.

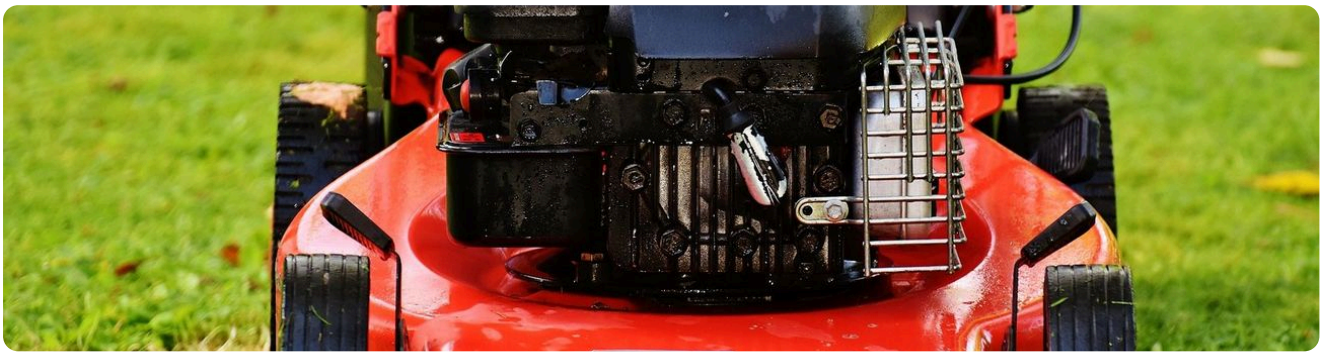




Has it rooted? After 2 weeks, gently tug a corner. If it holds firm, it has rooted. If it lifts, keep watering for another week.

Mowing and feeding

Don't rush the first cut. Mowing too early or too short sets a new lawn back.





First mow

At about 3 weeks, once it has rooted. Use the **highest setting** and just take the tips off.

After that

Lower the height a little each cut, to **3–4 cm**. Mow about once a week. Never cut more than a third off.

Feeding

Nothing for the first 6 weeks. Then use a lawn feed in **spring** and again in **autumn**. No weedkiller for 6 months.

Once it's rooted

Water less often but more deeply: a good soak twice a week in dry weather.

Don't overwater, and mow when the grass is dry, using a mower with a grass box.

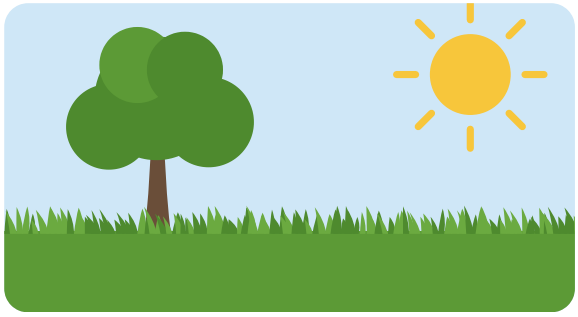
Through the year

Once it's established, a little regular care keeps your lawn thick and green.



Spring

- Start mowing on a high setting.
- Apply a spring feed.
- Reseed any bare patches.



Summer

- Mow once a week.
- Water deeply in dry spells.
- Raise the mower in hot weather.



Autumn

- Rake up fallen leaves.
- Rake out moss and dead grass.
- Apply an autumn feed.



Winter

- Keep off when it's frosty or waterlogged.
- Mow only if it is growing and firm.



If something doesn't look right

Most problems with new turf come down to water, and most are easy to put right.



Gaps between turves

It has dried out. Water heavily and brush topsoil into the gaps.



Yellow patches

Too little water. Soak those areas. They usually recover in a week or two.



Edges lifting

Press them down, water well and keep off.



Small dips

The soil has settled. Fill with fine topsoil and sprinkle grass seed.



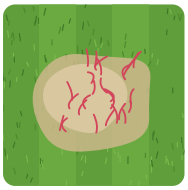
Toadstools

Harmless and common in new turf. They go once you start mowing.



Puddles

Normal after heavy rain. If water sits for more than a day, call us.



Red thread

Pale patches with pink threads. The lawn is hungry: give it a feed.



Dog patches

Pour a can of water over the spot as soon as you can.





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