

# HOW TO LAY TURF



Lay your our lawn  
with our easy guide!

## STEP 1

### ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS - GET THE RIGHT PRODUCT!

Assess your area to make sure you select the right products – turf and soil for your needs.

If you have a shady area stay clear of Couch or any other turf that doesn't like shade and opt for Sir Walter Buffalo as it is the best turf for shaded areas.

Assess your soil condition – remember you are planting a live plant and to ensure it has the very best possible start to its growth you need to make sure your soil is great quality, full of nutrients and light and loose so the root systems can easily take root.

If you have dogs or animals make sure you choose a hardy grass that will suit your needs. Ask our friendly team for some advice on the best turf to suit your needs.



## STEP 2

### MEASURE AND ORDERING FOR YOUR AREA.

Measure the area using a measuring tape, you will need to get a m<sup>2</sup> measurement to calculate the amount of turf and soil you need, this is as simple as multiplying the length by the width of your area for a rectangle, or for harder shapes sketch out the area with its dimension and consult our helpful team and we will calculate it for you.

Square / Rectangle areas = Length x Width

Triangle Areas = Length x Width divide by 2

Circles = Radius x Radius x 3.14  
(the radius is half the total distance from one side of the circle to the other)

## STEP 3

### PREPARING YOUR SITE

Firstly remove or poison any weeds, existing grass or vegetation – if you choose to poison Richmond Sand and Gravel recommend you wait 7 – 14 days before you lay your new turf.

Excavate and level your area – not only do you need to ensure your site is level, but well drained so water doesn't pool in areas and create swampy areas in your lawn.

Richmond Sand and Gravel recommend highly to remove all tired and depleted soil and replace with

75mm/100mm of a top quality turf underlay such as our premium top soil this will ensure your turf has the best possible start and flourishes in your landscape.

Using a screen and Lawn Leveler / rake spread soil out creating an even 75/100mm layer and use a sprinkler or hose to moisten soil before laying turf.

Spread a good quality 'launching fertilizer' but please consult Richmond Sand and Gravel first as there are certain fertilizers that can only be used on established turf and are not to be used on establishing turf as there is risk of burning the turfs root systems.

## STEP 4 ►

### LAYING THE TURF

Most importantly lay your grass as soon as you have it delivered!

NEVER leave your turf layered on the pallet as the center of the pallet gets extremely hot and can cook your turf within hours. If you can not lay your grass immediately ensure it is kept in the shade and break down the pallet to aerate the pieces ensuring they do not get too hot.

Start laying your turf from the longest and straightest line – ie a fence line or paved area. Lay the turf side by side in a staggered brick pattern ensuring all your pieces are tightly butted up together.

Use a turf roller to roll your finished lawn to ensure your joins are all tight and the turf root system is combined well with the soil.

## STEP 5 ►

### WATER WATER WATER!

Freshly laid turf need lots of watering, you may find you need to water twice a day until the turf root system takes into the soil.

Make sure you only water your turf in the cool of the day – never water your turf in excessive heat as the water can also heat up and cook your turf.

## Shopping List



### Turf:

Couch

Sir Walter

### Soil:

Topsoil

Landscapers Mix

Garden Mix

Fertiliser

## Tool Guide



Rake

Shovel

Knife for cutting turf

Wheelbarrow

Hose or sprinkler

