

# New Turf Seasonal Guide

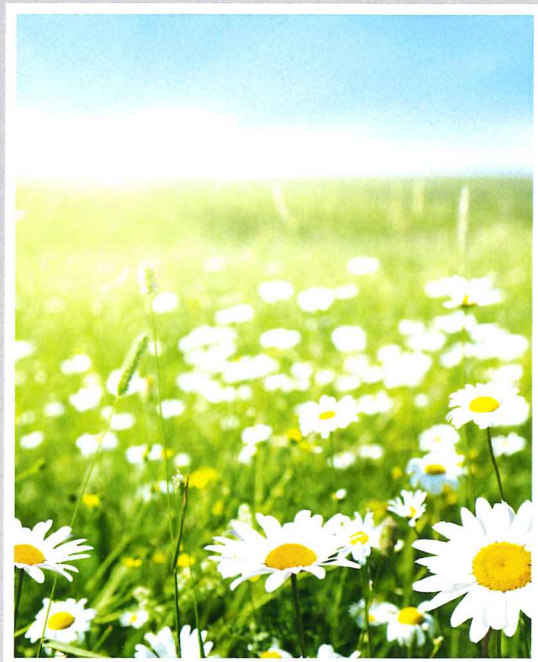
## Turf Laid in Spring

Between March and June, the grass plants put all of their energy into developing big healthy plants. What they are trying to do is grow tall, flower and set seed. But we humans interrupt this process by mowing so we don't often see the whole cycle.

The soil is warming up, the turf is normally very workable, and conditions are right for the plants to put down roots and start growing immediately. All you need to do is make sure there are enough soil nutrients to support this growth and that the soil is kept moist until the roots are established.

If you're lucky, your irrigation will be supplemented by rainfall.

Keep off the lawn for the first 4-6 weeks until the turf firms up under foot and has knitted together. After that it'll be strong enough to use all summer long.



## Turf Laid in Summer

Laying turf in summer is all about being generous with watering and avoiding turf burnout

At this time of year, the grasses tend to react to hot dry weather by slowing down their growth. You need to override this by creating spring-like conditions so, plenty of water and enough food is key. Water morning and evening if needed.

Your new lawn will be quite delicate for the first 3-4 weeks so no family BBQ's until it's really well established. Scottish Summer's can be unpredictable and wet, the turf should be firm under foot before organising that BBQ!





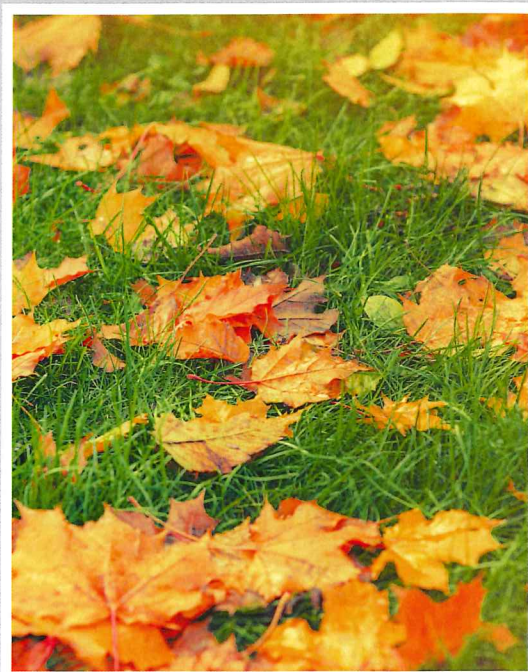
## Turf Laid in Autumn

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The turf is getting ready for winter, so you won't have as much mowing to do in the first few months.

What grasses DO want to do in autumn is send their roots as deep into the ground as they can to escape from danger. The top few centimetres of soil is likely to freeze at some point in the winter and short roots could be damaged. Deeper down, the soil stays warm and hospitable – which is why moles, earthworms and bumblebees go underground for the winter.

In autumn then, turf is going to establish a strong root system very quickly. walking on your autumn laid turf before the soil starts to warm up in Spring will cause damage. Your lawn will NOT be customer ready until Spring at the earliest, and by the time spring and summer come around, you will have a well-established lawn you can walk, run, dance and play on to your heart's content.



## Turf Laid in Winter

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It's absolutely fine to lay turf in winter provided that the ground isn't frozen.

Avoid walking on your winter-laid turf before the soil starts to warm up in spring. Roots and shoots will be growing slowly so the turf may appear to sit on the soil and not do anything for weeks on end. Walking on your winter-laid turf before the soil starts to warm up in Spring will cause damage. The lawn will NOT be customer ready until Spring at the earliest, if it stays green it's OK. That's all you can ask of it until the days are longer and warmer.

