

Installation



The most important thing to remember when laying new turf is, GREEN SIDE UP, BROWN SIDE DOWN! In my experience, this always gives the best results.

TIMING

It is best to have your turf delivered on the day you intend to lay it, especially on a warm day so be sure to have all your preparation done beforehand. Ring the turf supplier a few days before to place your order.

Be aware that your turf is grown in large paddocks at the turf farm and usually cut the day before delivery. The slabs or rolls are carefully configured in manageable pallets, which are transported by truck to your site.

Once cut from the farm, the turf is under stress and will easily dry out, so the sooner it is laid and watered the better.

Wet weather will hinder the turf cutting process at the farm and therefore, availability. When the paddocks are wet it's not possible to use the tractors and cutting equipment, so please be patient.

DELIVERY PLACEMENT

Get the individual turf rolls or slabs delivered as close as possible to the area you are laying.

Step 1 - Start laying

Start laying from the bottom of any sloped areas and always use full rolls or slabs around the edges. An important thing to remember is that you should always lay across the slopes.



Step 2 - Stagger the joints

Stagger the joints, a bit like brick work, so they don't line up. This prevents drying out and soil erosion caused by heavy rain on sloping ground. If the joints all line up, rain can build up like a small river taking the soil with it. A bit like a landslide on a slightly smaller scale. This is particularly important on steep slopes.



Butt the turf closely together, avoiding gaps as these can dry out, look a tad ordinary and cause an uneven surface and other general amateur nastiness. DON'T RUSH!

Step 3 - Cut the turf

Avoid using small pieces, these will dry out quickly. Do not stretch the turf. Cut the turf with a sharp knife or hedging shears.



Step 4 - Water it in

Water your lawn as soon as it is laid. For large areas, especially on hot days, get someone to start watering or set up a sprinkler whilst the remainder of the laying takes place.



Step 5 - Roll your lawn

Roll the lawn once you have watered to ensure root contact with the soil.

