

A person is performing a handstand on a vibrant green lawn. The person is wearing blue jeans and a light-colored shirt. The background is a clear blue sky with a single, fluffy white cloud in the upper right quadrant. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, suggesting a healthy and active lifestyle.

Rolawn®

Choose it. Lay it. Live it.

Preparing, laying and maintaining your Rolawn lawn



Choose it

Why Rolawn turf is the very best

Rolawn turf is the first choice for both professional landscapers and experienced gardeners who demand the best. Rolawn use the finest blend of seeds and take exceptional care in sowing, cultivating and harvesting. Rolawn is also the only company that submits turf for regular independent testing by the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI).

Rolawn Medallion® Turf

A multi-purpose, quality ryegrass/fescue turf for a healthy, green and hardwearing lawn.

Ideal where a high quality appearance, strength and low maintenance are important.

Key Benefits

- Highly adaptable
- Provides the most suitable performance for the diverse UK climate
- Looks outstanding on the day it is laid and with the correct care and maintenance will keep its appearance for years to come
- 99.9% weed free, giving the lawn a low maintenance start
- Light, easy to lay and establishes itself rapidly
- Cultivars are Rhizomatous and deep rooting, providing a high level of drought tolerance.





Prepare it

Getting started

Rolawn turf can be laid all year round, however frosty conditions should be avoided and laying turf in extended periods of hot and dry weather will require additional care and attention.

Removing an existing lawn

Using a proprietary non selective weed killer recommended for killing grasses, treat the existing lawn at the stated application rate. For full effectiveness you may have to leave this for approximately 14 days.

Remove the existing lawn using a turf cutter, which is available from all reputable hire shops.

Determining the required quantity

Measure the length and width of the area to be turfed, multiply one by the other to give you the amount of rolls required. Measuring in metres is easiest as each standard roll of Rolawn turf covers 1m². Then add 5% for shaping etc.

Topsoil you can trust

Ensuring you have high quality topsoil is essential as it will provide early establishment and development of turf. The soil should be turned over and be free from surface stones, other debris and perennial weeds. Digging over or rotovating the existing soil is important to break up any compaction, ideally to a minimum depth of 150mm (6").

Rolawn Blended Loam Topsoil is a high quality, fertile, peat free, organic rich multi-purpose topsoil that contains a soil conditioner. It is ideal for using in planting and landscaping where a quality outcome is essential. A bulk bag of Rolawn Blended Loam Topsoil contains approximately 1,000 litres when packed.

To determine the volume of topsoil required, multiply the area by the depth.

After digging, walk to and fro using small steps over the whole area to firm down the loose soil. Rake to a fine tilth to create a consistent level surface to ensure contact between turf and soil. Two days before your turf arrives, ensure soil is moist to a depth of 75mm (3").

You are now ready to lay your turf.



Laying Rolawn turf

Only a few tools are needed to lay your Rolawn turf: a wheelbarrow, a rake and a spade, some scaffolding planks plus a means of thoroughly watering the turf. Start by carrying the turf to the furthest point, then you will be carrying the turf rolls the shortest distance towards the end of the job.

Turf must be rolled out immediately in spring / summer and within 24 hours in autumn / winter.

Start laying turves preferably along a straight edge, butting closely end to end. On subsequent rows stagger the joints in brickwork fashion.

To ensure the prepared soil remains level, work from planks placed on your newly laid turf. Lightly press down the turves to ensure firm contact between the soil and the underside of each turf. The head of a rake held vertically and pressed against the turf is ideal. Never use a roller on freshly laid turf.

In hot weather try to start watering areas laid first prior to completing the whole area, to prevent it from drying out.

Always push the turf into joints. Never stretch the turves by pulling them. Any remaining cracks can be filled with a light soil and pressed down.





Water it

Immediately after laying

Water

Watering your new Rolawn turf is the single most important step you need to take to establish a beautiful and healthy lawn.

- Start watering on the day turf is laid. On hot days, you may need to commence watering large lawns prior to laying all the turf.
- Ensure that the new lawn is never short of water. Lift corners of the turf to confirm water has percolated through to the underlying soil.
- Water repeatedly until the turf is well established.
- If rainfall is experienced you still need to check that the lawn is receiving sufficient water.
- It is best to water turf in the early morning or during the evening so that less water is lost to evaporation.
- Once established, occasional watering during dry periods should be adequate.

Soon after laying

Mow

Be prepared to mow your new lawn as soon as it needs it, provided this can be done without disturbing the turf.

If turf is dislodged, replace it and allow the turf more time to establish before recommencing mowing.

- Don't delay. Most people allow turf to get too long. Mowing encourages establishment, although this should be the only traffic in the first few weeks.
- Never remove more than one third of the grass blade length.
- Alternate the direction in which you mow your lawn.
- Clippings do not have to be collected if they are minimal, provided sunlight is reaching the blades of grass. Clippings in small amounts return nutrients to the soil encouraging a healthy lawn.



Mow it

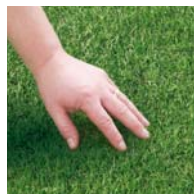
Careful maintenance is the key to a beautiful lawn

The appearance of your Rolawn lawn will be affected by the environment it is living in and the treatment it is receiving. A healthy lawn requires a balance of air, food, water and light. An appropriate maintenance programme helps to keep these elements in balance.

Mowing

Rolawn Medallion® turf is used to a cut height of 25mm (1"). You should aim for the same without ever removing more than one third of the grass blade length at any one time. Adjust how often you mow your lawn depending on how quickly the grass grows. In the peak growing seasons frequent mowing can dramatically enhance your lawns appearance.

If your lawn becomes too long you must gradually bring it back down to the correct height. Mowing a lawn from 75mm (3") down to 25mm (1") in one cut will result in a weak, sparse, pale lawn.



Whatever type of mower you have it must be well maintained, with blades sharpened at least once a year.

Feeding

It is essential that you feed your lawn in spring and autumn, this will provide the optimum balance of nutrients to promote a healthy, green and hard wearing lawn.

Over seeding

Over seeding an established lawn is an essential part of annual lawn maintenance. It improves the lawn's colour, helps fill in damaged or worn areas and will reduce possible weed and moss invasion.



Enhance it

Shaded areas

Most lawns have areas that receive reduced light levels due to foliage, garden structures or buildings. These areas can struggle to sustain lawn quality.

Consider cutting back encroaching foliage.

Topdressing

Topdressing your lawn is vital to retain a level surface, improve drainage and control the build up of thatch.

Topdressing will enhance a lawn's appearance by stimulating new grass growth and increasing tolerance to wear and tear.

It can be applied anytime, when the grass is actively growing.

Scarifying

Scarifying removes thatch and dead moss and is usually carried out in autumn. Excessive thatch build up stops water and air from penetrating through to the soil, which in turn will lead to problems.

Use a rake or powered scarifier to remove the organic matter.

Aerating

Aerating helps to relieve compaction and assists with drainage.

Use a garden fork or powered aerator in spring and autumn to spike your lawn, especially before applying a lawn food or topdressing.

Other maintenance procedures

Other aftercare procedures for controlling pests and diseases should be undertaken to maintain the quality of the lawn.



Live it

Frequently asked questions

Will my turf contain Annual Meadow Grass?

We make strenuous efforts to minimise the presence of annual meadow grass in our turf. Rolawn is the only company that submits turf for testing by the Sports Turf Research Institute, which is an independent body. Full copies of their reports are available on request. However, we do not supply our turf as being guaranteed free from annual meadow grass.

How should I remove toadstools from my turf?

When conditions are right for them, toadstools may appear in any turf, whether long established or recently laid. Generally they are harmless, but they should not be eaten. Remove by picking them off (wear gloves), however if they are too numerous they can be mown off with a box on the lawn mower in order to collect them.

Following an appropriate mowing regime will help reduce appearance of toadstools. A sharp frost also tends to reduce a toadstool population.

What should I do if my turf develops Fusarium?

Certain weather conditions in autumn/winter can result in a fungal disease called Fusarium occurring in both new and established lawns. This is not unusual, and, although unsightly, should not kill the turf. Sharp frosts will arrest its development and the lawn should recover during spring.

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Seasonal maintenance guide

January / February

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Service mower and ensure blades are sharp.
- Stay off the lawn if frozen or waterlogged.



March / April

- Start mowing the lawn as warmer weather stimulates turf growth and increase the frequency of mowing as required.
- Apply a lawn topdressing.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Patch damaged lawn areas and edges with Rolawn turf or lawn seed.
- Over seed if your lawn is more than 12 months old.



May / June

- Increase mowing frequency, a little and often is the key.
- Aerate.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Water if rainfall is low.
- Treat established lawns containing weeds and moss with a fertiliser, weed & moss killer.



July / August

- Use water wisely, but to maintain colour in summer, more watering will probably be required. In times of drought your Rolawn lawn will go brown and dormant. It will recover when rainfall returns.
- Apply a Chafer Grub Killer and Leatherjacket Killer if required.
- Make arrangements for your lawn to be mown whilst you are on holiday.

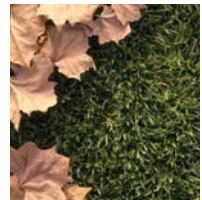


September / October

- Gradually decrease mowing frequency as grass growth slows, raise the height of cut as winter approaches.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Aerate.
- Feed with an autumn lawn food or treat established lawns containing weeds and moss with a fertiliser, weed & moss killer.
- Repair damaged or worn areas with new Rolawn turf or lawn seed.
- Apply a lawn topdressing.
- Allow worm casts to dry before brushing with a stiff broom.

November / December

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Mow if the lawn is still growing.
- Prune and thin foliage surrounding the lawn.
- Clean and oil all equipment before putting into winter storage.



Topsoil you can trust

Why quality is important

Ensuring you have high quality topsoil is essential as it will provide early establishment and development of turf, seed, trees, shrubs and plants. It is the foundation of a healthy landscaping scheme, therefore, it is essential to know the composition and source.

Rolawn is recognised as the leading supplier of quality topsoil (loams). Rolawn topsoils are safe, fertile, certified, of consistent high quality and available all year.

Rolawn Blended Loam® Topsoil

Rolawn Blended Loam® is a high quality, fertile, peat free, organic rich multi-purpose topsoil. It is a blend of Rolawn Screened Loam and a peat free soil conditioner. It is ideal for using in planting and landscaping where a quality outcome is essential.

- Typically classified as 'Sandy Loam'
- Screened 20mm
- Safe
- Tested to BS3882:2007
- Peat free
- Contains:
 - Topsoil
 - Soil Conditioner
- Typical pH 7.3
- Light
- Friable in wet conditions
- Minimal stone content 9%
- Available in 1m³ bulk bag (1000 litres)
- Coverage:
 - Bulk bag up to 20m² at a depth of 50mm



UP TO
50%
MORE

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR MONEY

A bulk bag of Rolawn Blended Loam® Topsoil, contains approximately 1m³ when packed. 1 tonne of ordinary topsoil only contains approximately 0.67m³

Selecting the right bark

There are many different grades of bark. Some are specialist and others are suited for a variety of applications. It is important to choose the right bark for your project.

Rolawn Landscaping Bark is of consistent high quality. It will inhibit weed development, reducing ongoing maintenance, improve moisture retention, reducing the need for irrigation and act as an insulation for plant roots, reducing plant loss in cold weather.



Rolawn Landscaping Bark

Rolawn Landscaping Bark is a mid-dark brown, multi-purpose grade bark derived from forestry woodchip. It is a natural product and will enhance the appearance of landscaping projects.



Key Benefits

- Primary constituent - mixed conifer
- Colour - Mid-dark brown
- Recommended installation depth - 50mm
- Free flowing, easy to barrow & rake
- Sustainable
- Consistent
- Appearance
- Reduces need for irrigation & weeding
- Extended plant life in periods of drought
- Acts as plant root insulation
- Particle size - 8-40mm
- Max white wood (trunk) content by Volume 15%
- Typical bulk density (Weight to volume ratio) 250-500kg/m³
- Typical pH range 4-6
- Recommended 10% settlement allowance
- Free of chemical contamination
- Available in 1m³ bulk bag
- Coverage 1m³ covers up to 20m² at a depth of 50mm

Beautiful gardens start here

TOPSOIL

- Rolawn Blended Loam® Topsoil



TURF

- Rolawn Medallion® Turf



BARK

- Rolawn Landscaping Bark



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