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Establishing and Maintaining Wintergreen

Preparation of the area for your turf to be established is very important; there are few things to check before laying your turf.

- * Reticulation should be installed prior to laying, making sure that it is working and it is covering the area evenly.
- * In new houses it is a good idea to check around the yard and find areas that tradesmen used to mix cement etc, these will need to be dug up and removed, as these will cause problems later when the turf starts to establish.
- * If extra soil or soil amendments are to be used it is important that these are not applied as a top layer on existing soil, but incorporated into top 100mm of soil profile. If this is not done you will find that the turf will have a root system that will stay in the top layer, causing poor drought tolerance and reduced ability to take up nutrients.
- * Wetting agents should be applied if no soil amendments have been brought in, and watered in.
- * To lay your lawn see green handout provided.
- * Mowing should commence once the turf has established a root system, approximately 1-2 weeks after it has been laid. Do not leave it too long before you mow for the first time, as you will only scalp the turf.
- * If you have planted runners, mowing times will vary depending on your care. Once your lawn has started to run along the ground, you can give it a light mow to encourage it to knit together. Do this every couple of weeks until lawn established. (Rotary mower preferred at this stage).
- * Mowing heights are critical to the success of your new lawn-
Approximate Winter height- 15-20
Approximate Summer height- 9-12
- * Fertilizing is important throughout the whole year. Once you have laid your lawn on organic fertilizer, fertilize again with this every 2-3 weeks until established.
Once your lawn is established, you will need to feed your lawn with a chemical based fertilizer every 6-8 weeks throughout year, making sure the lawn is dry before applying, then water in.