

# BISON SOFT-LEAF BUFFALO

## WHY BUFFALO?



The most shade tolerant lawn by far

### APPEARANCE

- Broad Leaf
- Dark Green Colour
- Shallow Rooting
- Non Invasive
- Softer than older types of Buffalo

### GROWTH RATE

Due to its slower growth rate and non invasiveness Buffalo is perfect for low maintenance gardens. However, Buffalo requires more water in the warmer months when placed in a full sun area.

### USES

Soft Leaf Buffalo is the grass of choice if you have a shady, medium traffic area. Soft Leaf Buffalo will flourish with only three to five hours of sun per day.



### DROUGHT TOLERANCE NOT IN WA

As with most varieties of grass, you may need to supplement your two days a week watering in the height of summer to keep a lush green look. Bison Buffalo is a shallow-rooting grass requiring more water in summer than Empire Zoysia, Kikuyu or Wintergreen Couch. We are not aware of any soft-leaf Buffalo strains being proven drought resistant under WA conditions.

## ESTABLISHMENT

### SOIL

When establishing a new lawn, people often overlook the importance of a good quality soil. The right soil will give your lawn the best possible start and help to prevent nutrient deficiencies and water problems. Lovegrove Turf strongly advises incorporating **Bentonite Clay** into sandy Perth soils. Bentonite is a natural clay product with no added chemicals, it provides long term benefits for water and fertiliser efficiency which saves you money and time. To have the best outcome Bentonite needs to be incorporated into your soil with organic matter like **Humus**.

### TIME

Soft Leaf Buffalo takes approximately three months to fully establish, depending on the weather. In the hotter months it is important to prevent your new lawn from drying out.

### TRAFFIC

Until your new Soft Leaf Buffalo lawn is established it is recommended to keep traffic to an absolute minimum. Normal use can resume once the roots have begun to penetrate the soil below and the rolls can no longer be lifted easily.

### CARE

Lawn should not be mowed until rolls have produced adequate roots. This should happen between 2 and 4 weeks and can be confirmed by checking that the rolls have secured themselves to the soil. Most selective herbicides cannot be used on Buffalo — manual weeding is recommended.

## MAINTENANCE

### MOWING

Buffalo doesn't require mowing as often as more vigorous varieties of grass, however the same principal applies to any lawn and that is to cut at regular intervals so it doesn't get too long, and this will avoid scalping which can place the turf under stress.

Keep your blades sharp and **never remove more than one third of the leaf blade per mow**, as this will remove a significant amount of the green food producing body.

### THATCH

All lawns produce thatch as this is a natural byproduct of healthy growth. Thatch will prevent water and nutrients from getting to the roots where they are needed. This can be removed through verti-mowing and should be done at least once a year.



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### FERTILISING

For optimum health of your lawn it is recommended to fertilise at a maintenance rate of 10kg per 100m<sup>2</sup> every 6-8 weeks.



For establishing or repairing, the application should be 10kg per 50m<sup>2</sup> of Eco-Prime NPK Red

Remember, always water thoroughly to activate the fertiliser and prevent any possible leaf burn.

## WATER & ESTABLISHING YOUR NEW LAWN

### SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE:

Use 10mls of water per session, increasing to 25mls from week 4.

#### WEEK 1 :

Three times a day  
9am - 12 noon - 3 pm

#### WEEK 2 :

Twice a day  
10 am - 2 pm

#### WEEK 3 :

Once a day at 12 NOON

#### WEEK 4 - 8 :

Once every 2nd day in the morning.

#### WEEK 8 onwards :

Twice a week in the morning

#### Winter:

**Need to use common sense but we recommend following the schedule from week 3**

WATER AUTHORITY EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN ESTABLISHING NEW LAWNS. CALL 13 13 85 FOR DETAILS.

### NEED HELP?

Do you need help remembering seasonal changes to your lawns needs?

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Ask our friendly and knowledgeable sales staff about any issues you may have with your lawn.

