

KIKUYU

WHY KIKUYU?



A HARD WEARING ALL PURPOSE LAWN

APPEARANCE

- Soft to the touch
- Medium leaf
- Emerald Green Colour
- Maintains a lush colour through the winter months, when cared for correctly

GROWTH RATE

As a quick growing lawn and one of the hardiest, it has the ability to recover quickly from wear & tear. We recommend using Kikuyu in high traffic areas. Areas with children, dogs etc.

USES



Kikuyu is the best lawn for a high traffic areas and is the first choice for the Western Australian Education Department and Kings Park.

It is the lawn we recommend for children and pets due to its vigorous growth rate which enables it repair from wear and tear better than most varieties of turf.

DROUGHT TOLERANCE

Under W.A conditions, Kikuyu is second only to the couch varieties for drought tolerance.

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

Kikuyu lawn has a short establishment time. Where other lawns could take up to two years to fully establish, Kikuyu can take only three months. This means that for areas where traffic cannot be avoided you will have a shorter waiting period before being able to use the lawn.

TRAFFIC

If you are purchasing Kikuyu for a high traffic area it is recommended to reduce the traffic for the first 4 weeks. In the warmer months Kikuyu should establish quickly, however it is still important to monitor wear and tear during this early period.

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.

MAINTENANCE

MOWING

Weekly mowing is essential as with any well looked after lawn. If your lawn is in a shady area it should be allowed to grow longer to be able to absorb more sunlight. 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 100m² every 6-8 weeks.

For establishing or repairing, the application should be 10kg per 50m² 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
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?

Join our mailing list and receive free reminders each season.

To join our mailing list call us on 9453 6222

or email us at lovgroveturf@lovegroveturf.com

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

