

EMPIRE ZOYSIA

WHY ZOYSIA?



DURABLE BUT SOFT — REQUIRES FEWER MOWS THAN KIKUYU OR COUCH; LESS WATER THAN BUFFALO

APPEARANCE

- Soft to the touch
- Medium leaf
- Dark green colour
- Tight blade growth
- Premium Lawn
- Early Spring green up

GROWTH RATE

It has been recognised that Empire Zoysia grows at a slower rate than other turf varieties. This means low invasion in surrounding garden beds with less mowing and maintenance for you, particularly in the cooler months.

USES

Empire Zoysia is a great choice if you have children as it is soft and durable. Zoysia can handle up to 40% shade.

In 2002 the FIFA world cup was played on a stadium planted with

Zoysia. This lawn is extremely tough once fully established.

DROUGHT TOLERANCE

Empire Zoysia is very adaptable to low water conditions because of the deep root system.

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. A great soil additive product we recommended using is **Bentonite Clay**. 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

Empire Zoysia has a reasonably slow growth rate and can take up to 12 months to fully establish. We recommend fertilising with Eco-Growth NPK Red every 6-8 weeks after installing for a period of 12 months.

TRAFFIC

Once established this is a hardy lawn, however this may take several months and traffic should be kept to a minimum during this time.

CARE

During the first 2 years of this turf being rolled out it requires more specific fertilising. We recommend Eco Prime NPK Red fertiliser because of the even ratio of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous. Phosphorus is vital in root growth of new turf and will aid in quicker establishment. Zoysia doesn't tolerate frost particularly well, however you can combat this by setting your reticulation to come on just before sun up for a minute or two.

MAINTENANCE MOWING

A reel mower will give your grass a much cleaner cut and a professional look, however using a rotary mower will also keep it tidy. 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 cut more than one third of the leaf at a time**. All grasses produce seed head and in Zoysia it is purple. To reduce the appearance of seeding ensure that you mow regularly.

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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.



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 the schedule from week 3

WATER AUTHORITY EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN ESTABLISHING NEW LAWNS

CALL 13 13 85 FOR DETAILS.

