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Kikuyu Instant Lawn

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In preparing to lay your **Kikuyu** it is advisable to have at least 100mm of well-worked soil. The deeper the soil the better. This can be achieved by tilling (rotary hoeing) the existing soil if suitable or if there is minimal or poor soil, addition of top soil may be required. Remove all stones, clods and other debris, or if there is minimal or poor soil, an addition of 100ml of top soil may be required.

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Rake the entire area to ensure there is a smooth, even surface and allow about 20mm below paths and driveways for the thickness of the turf.

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You are now ready to order your **Kikuyu**. Using a tape, measure the area and calculate it in square metres. Organise the delivery for the day you intend to lay the turf, as prompt installation is important for a good start to your lawn.

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Lilydale Instant Lawn provides lawn starter, which you apply to the soil prior to laying the turf.

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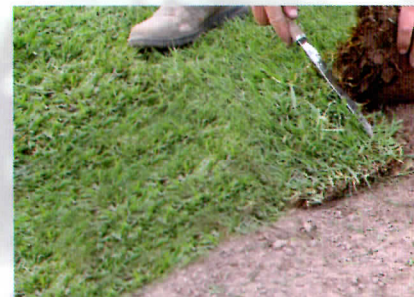
Begin laying your turf along a straight edge, such as a driveway or path, furthest from the stack of turf.

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When laying **Kikuyu**, place the turf sections on the ground, next to each other in a brick-work pattern. Do not push them up too hard as this can leave the root system without ground contact. This will cause the turf to dry out quickly, and you will use more turf than your area needs.

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The turf can be trimmed with a sharp knife to conform with paths and garden edges etc.

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We recommend that once you lay your **Kikuyu** that you top dress it with white washed sand. (approximately $1/2 \text{ m}^3$ to every 100 m^2 of turf.)

The sand should be washed through the turf and into the thatch layer. This can be done with a strong jet of water.

You may roll after top dressing to achieve maximum soil contact.

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It is essential that watering of **Kikuyu** commences immediately upon installation. A thorough soaking of the turf is required. For larger installations, watering should commence as sections are completed. It is vital that the turf is kept moist until root growth is established. To establish **Kikuyu** especially in hot conditions, it is best to water up to two times per day. Once the roots have taken hold, watering can be eased off.