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How to install and care for your Soft Leaf Buffalo Lawn



How to install Soft Leaf Buffalo

1. Remove all building waste & weeds.
2. Spread a free draining soil to a depth of 7-15cm (roots can penetrate much deeper) or loosen ground and mix in appropriate soil conditioners. Phone a soil supplier for more advice on this option. For sandy soils, simply mix in organic material and rotary hoe.
3. Level the surface using a screening board, lawn leveller or similar device.
4. Apply a low analysis fertilizer with an N:P:K of approximately 5:6:5 or lawn starter fertilizer to the surface and incorporate with a rake.
5. In hot months, moisten the soil but do not make the soil too wet. Do not lay the soft leaf buffalo grass on hot, dry soil.
6. Lay the soft leaf buffalo grass as soon as possible after delivery.
7. On hot days, lay a section of the soft leaf buffalo grass and lightly water. Repeat until all turf is laid. On cool days, the soft leaf buffalo grass can be laid all at once. Roll and water thoroughly within one hour of laying turf.
8. Water thoroughly for 10-14 days or until the soft leaf buffalo lawn is established take care that the water is saturating the soil beneath the turf. In colder months, the soft leaf buffalo lawn will take longer to establish. The turf should not dry out until roots are established.
9. When the soil has firmed and the soft leaf buffalo grass has rooted down, usually 2-3 weeks after laying (longer during winter), mow lightly to tidy up your new soft leaf buffalo lawn.



Watering Tips

Watering your New Soft Leaf Buffalo Lawn

Newly installed soft leaf buffalo grass has very important watering needs. Proper watering immediately after installation will ensure the soft leaf buffalo lawn becomes established, and it will also have an impact on how well the soft leaf buffalo lawn continues to flourish for years to come. Begin watering new soft leaf buffalo grass within a half hour after it is laid on the soil. Apply at least 2 to 3 cm. (1 inch) of water so that the soil beneath the soft leaf buffalo lawn is very wet. Ideally the soil 7 to 10 cm (3 to 4 inches) below the surface should be moist.

Below are some watering tips for new Soft Leaf Buffalo lawns:

1. Pull back a corner of the soft leaf buffalo grass and push a screwdriver or other sharp tool into the soil. It should push in easily and have moisture along the first 7 to 10 cm. (3 or 4 inches), or you need to apply more water.
2. Make absolutely certain that water is getting to all areas of your new soft leaf buffalo lawn, regardless of the type of sprinkling system you use. Corners and edges are easily missed by many sprinklers (if windy) and are particularly vulnerable to drying out faster than the centre portion of your soft leaf buffalo lawn. Also, areas near buildings dry out faster because of reflected heat and may require more water.
3. Runoff may occur on some soils and sloped areas before the soil is adequately moist. To conserve water and ensure adequate soak in, turn off the water when runoff begins, wait 30 minutes to an hour and restart the watering on the same area. Repeating this start and stop process until correct soil moisture is achieved. For the next two weeks keep the below-turf soil surface moist with daily (or more frequent) watering. Especially hot, dry or windy periods will necessitate increased watering amounts and frequency.