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Seeding Your Lawn, Laid Bare

By James Kilkelly

I've never laid carpet, tiles or lino but there is one floor I do know how to lay and that is the carpeting for the outdoor room. I speak of course of the most popular garden ground—cover the lawn.

Prepare before you sow

The best time to sow grass seed is between early April and early September, however you must firstly carry out some preparation. Ideally sometime between March and August you must "burn off" any unwanted growth. Achieve this by spraying all weedy soil areas on a dry day with a herbicide containing the active ingredient Glyphosate. Apply according to the manufacturers instructions and heed safety warnings.

Grading the site

A minimum of 1 month must elapse before you start to grade or level the site, this will allow the spray to reach the roots of weeds such as docks and dandelions. Ensure nothing but light rainfall occurs when you are carrying out soil movement and grading whether it be by hand or machine. This will prevent creating a pan in the soil (a layer of smeared soil or subsoil that water cannot drain through). You must grade the site to an acceptable level without bringing subsoil to the surface; subsoil on the surface has ruined many the new lawns by causing hungry looking brown patches. When grading your soil remove any half buried timber and old tree roots as they will lead to toad stools in the established lawn. Also remove any concrete blocks and large stones; basically remove any debris bigger than your fist.

Fallow before final cultivation

Leave the graded site to settle and regrow any dormant weeds for at least a month then spray the weed growth again with a Glyphosate based herbicide. For the final cultivation give the soil a shallow rotovate or lightly dig it over with a garden fork whilst breaking clods with the back of the fork. Rake to an acceptable level whilst removing all surface debris down to the size of a 1 euro coin including weed stems and roots. The soil should have a nice fine tilth like the texture of cake crumbs; it should not be

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fine like powder as this will prevent seed germination.

Seed sowing secrets

The ideal situation would be to sow the seed before you get the next heavy shower of rain as at that stage you will begin to lose the soil tilth. You will need approx 40 to 50g of seed per square metre, which can be broadcast by hand or use a wheeled spreader. Divide the seed into 2 lots and spread half the seed whilst walking up and down, with the other half being spread whilst walking left and right across the lawn. When spreading any seed avoid spreading onto drives, patios and beds. Lightly rake the seed into the soil with a sprung rake, do not drive it in or bury it. Follow this by lightly rolling the area with a half-filled water roller; the idea is to get firm seed and soil contact to ensure germination. Have some extra soil and seed to hand as a hollow or two may show up when rolling, you can then top up the soil and give it a shake of seed. Depending on the weather conditions your seedlings will begin to appear within 2 to 3 weeks.

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The Dawn Of A New Lawn

By News Canada

(NC)—One of the crowning ambitions of most homeowners is the creation of a beautiful lawn. In the case of new homes, or lawns that have been badly damaged, starting from scratch is necessary. While that may seem a daunting task, it's not as difficult as you might think.

It's Your Choice

There are two routes to a lush new lawn: sodding and seeding. While they may sound similar, each has some fundamental and significant differences. Sodding delivers immediate results, but is more expensive. Seeding can cost much less, but requires time and patience and, while it can be done in the spring or early summer, late August or early September is the best time – so you won't really enjoy that new lawn until next year.

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Both kinds of new lawns take a few straightforward steps.

Soil Preparation

This applies whether you intend to sod or seed. Make sure that all stones, trash and perennial roots are removed. Be sure that you have at least 10 centimetres (4 inches) of good topsoil. You may have to add some organic matter, lime or fertilizer to the soil, although a healthy application of peat moss or composted manure mixed in with the soil is usually good enough. Break up soil clumps and roll the surface smooth and firm to make mowing easier. Also, be sure that the grade slopes away from your house.

Once that's done you can go in whichever direction you choose.

Seeding

Once you've bought enough seed to cover the entire area – following the specifications shown on the grass seed package – divide the amount into two. Then cover your lawn twice in a criss-cross pattern – once in one direction and then again at right angles. Rake very lightly or roll again to ensure there's good contact between seed and soil. Remember though that seed should not be planted more than 3 to 6 millimetres deep.

Note that different grass seed can be better for different conditions. If there's lots of shade on the area you're planting, look for seed that doesn't need much sunlight. If there's plenty of sun, choose accordingly there, too.

Maintenance

Water gently, and keep the lawn damp until the grass is about 3 centimetres

(1 1/4 inches) high. Keep all traffic off the newly seeded area. Depending on what kind of seed you use, germination should begin in less than three weeks.

Laying Sod

Once you've prepared the soil applying sod shouldn't take long. Start laying the pieces in a straight row, pressing the ends together. Tap the sod in place gently, and remove or add soil as you go to help keep everything level. Start each new row with a half piece of sod, so that a brickwork pattern is established.

Once the sod has been laid to your satisfaction, roll it lightly to press it into place. Fill any cracks between the pieces with organic matter, fertilize and water vigorously until the new grass is growing well.

Visit the Experts

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Whether you seed or sod, with a little preparation and a minimal amount of ongoing care you can soon have a lush lawn of which you can be justly proud.

For more information about maintaining a beautiful lawn and garden, and for the products you need to help you do it, be sure to visit your local Home Hardware or Home Hardware Building Centre.

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