

# LAWN SEED SOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Follow these steps to ensure success when sowing your new lawn.

## PREPARE YOUR SOIL

The better prepared the seedbed the better the lawn will be.

Remove rocks, stones, or other debris. Using a total knockdown herbicide will help to remove unwanted grasses or weeds. Ensuring there is good drainage is important (deep digging or aeration with a fork will help.) Level off the space and be careful not to remove too much topsoil from any one area. If the soil is poor quality, add in lawn soil from a local soil supplier.

# FERTILISE BEFORE SOWING

Apply a Starter Fertiliser to the seedbed either a few days before sowing or on the same day and rake it into the soil. Our Landscape Range KickStart Fertiliser should be applied at a rate of 3kg of fertiliser per 100m2. Ensure you measure your area and use the correct amount of fertiliser.

#### SPREAD SEED EVENLY

Follow the suggested sowing rate recommended on the pack. An easy way of sowing the seed is to divide the area into easily manageable sections and then divide the seed into as many lots as there are sections. This will help ensure an even spread of seed over the area. Rake gently to lightly cover the seed.

## WATERING

Don't let your seed dry out! During the germination period (anywhere between 7 and 21 days) keep your seedbed constantly moist. Be careful to water with a fine spray. Anything stronger will remove the seeds. You may need to do extra watering during periods of drought or high winds.

#### THE FIRST MOW

Cut the grass for the first time when it's around 4-5 cm high. Trim lightly and gradually lower the blades to an ideal cutting height of 25mm. Mow regularly, trying not to remove more than a third of growth at any time.

#### **FERTILISE AGAIN AT 8 WEEKS**

Your new lawn will need another fertilise at around 6-8 weeks to boost growth. Again, be careful to use the correct amount of fertiliser and water it in well to avoid burning.



