

# TARANAKI TURF DOCTOR

LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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## Care and Maintenance

- CONSULTATION
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# **FINE FESCUE CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

## **TIPS AND TRICKS to get the best out of your new lawn!**

- Raise the mowing height to at least 50mm in the Summer months and irrigate in the weeks with no rain.
- Most garden variety sprinklers do not deliver much water per hour, nor do they distribute evenly. We recommend watering once or twice a week in prolonged dry periods for an hour at a time.
- Mornings are best for watering, but the evening is okay too.
- In peak Summer, a practice known as syringing during the heat of the day is a great way to reduce turf loss.
- Syringing cools the surface down by as much as five degrees instantly.
- You only need to water for a few minutes as the goal is to cool the surface down, not to irrigate for survival.
- Products called wetting agents will help with water penetration and holding moisture.
- For a proactive approach to insect damage apply insecticide in the spring and if necessary in the summer for the control of grass grub and or black beetle larvae.
- If you notice brown patches, particularly Autumn - early summer try fertilising or a fungicide may be necessary.



# Weed Control

With herbicide, applications should NOT be attempted for seed establishment until the grass is at the approximately 6 week post germination stage.

- Weed spraying should only be necessary 2-3 times per year in an established lawn. This includes both grass and flat weeds.
- The chemicals required are compatible so can be mixed and applied together.
- Depending on your lawn species the chemicals used for grass weed control are different. Please call for further advice.
- I can supply enough for single applications. Chemicals are best applied in the morning or late afternoons. Avoid the heat of the day.
- Spring and Autumn are the best times for applications for flat weeds, You will find most of the grass weeds will appear during the summer so timing around rain or irrigation is wise. Ensure the turf is in good health before any applications are made.





# Fertilise

- Fertilising regularly, (4-6 weeks) at 20-30 mgs/ M2 during September-May with **Yarra Milla** keeps turf in good health.
- There are slow release options too. Contact us for further advice.

With all the above treatments, we recommended you follow the label. I am happy to provide advise if you have any questions. We can provide you with the chemicals or do the applications if you like.

The most cost effective products are purchased from the farm supply stores. It is worth asking if they can order smaller pack sizes.

- For a lawn boy to do the spraying you can go to any hardware or farm supply stores. They come in 10L and 20L options. If you would like us to do your initial application, we will be able to advise the quantity required for your property.
- The fertiliser spreader we recommend is found all over but **Blagdon Mowers and Servicing** will help you with the 10kg capacity solo spreader that we use.
- When fertilising, we recommend you start as far to one side as possible and throw to your walking path on the return pass. Try to be as accurate as possible to avoid uneven application. The setting on that spreader is somewhere between three and four, depending how hungry your lawn is.
- Mowing should be left for **FOUR days after herbicide** applications.
- For mowing after fertiliser application, you need only wait until the fertiliser has been washed in unless you apply a liquid.