



Nature Strip Management Guidelines

Establishing Instant Turf

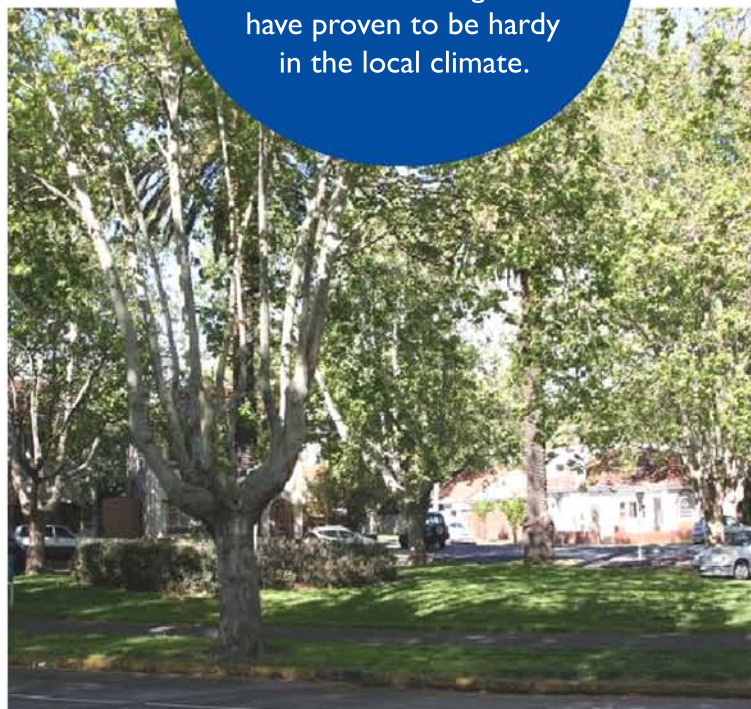
HANDY TIPS FOR ESTABLISHING INSTANT TURF

- Contact Dial Before You Dig on 1100 or www.1100.com.au before breaking ground (free service).
- Measure the area over which you plan to lay the instant turf. Take these measurements with you when you buy your instant turf.
- Remove weeds and unwanted grass from nature strip.
- Dig the soil to a depth of about 100mm-150mm. Rake the soil before laying your turf to prepare an even surface.
- Apply a lawn starter and wetting agent before laying your lawn.
- Lay your lawn immediately upon delivery. Allowing the soil and roots to be exposed to air and sun can negatively impact the health of your lawn.
- Always install your instant turf according to the grower's instructions.
- Water your new turf 3 times per week for 5 weeks to help it get established. We recommended installing your instant lawn in the spring or autumn. (Check current water restrictions)
- Thoroughly soak your instant lawn immediately after installation to help the lawn establish. (Check current water restrictions)
- Use kikuyu grass as it performs well in the local climate.
- When working on or near roads ensure that you take appropriate care to ensure your and others safety as well as that of surrounding property
- Your grass may not be green year round. Most species of grass will brown off or go dormant during the hottest and coldest months. This helps to protect the grass from stress.
- Try not to mow your grass in the hottest and driest parts of the year. This can stress the plants and slow their growth.



SPECIES LIST

A species list is available on the council website. The list contains recommendations for grasses that have proven to be hardy in the local climate.



QUESTIONS?

Parks and Open Space officers are available to consult with residents wishing to change their nature strip. To access this service contact Parks and Open Space on email at OSpace@portphillip.vic.gov.au; via phone on 9209 6821 or access information on the council's website www.portphillip.vic.gov.au