



# Nature Strip Management Guidelines

## Establishing Lawn by Seeding

### HANDY TIPS FOR ESTABLISHING LAWN BY SEEDING

- Contact Dial Before You Dig on 1100 or [www.1100.com.au](http://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 lawn seed.
- 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 lightly rake the fertiliser into topsoil.
- Sow your seeds according to manufacturer's instructions. You may want to keep a little extra seed to oversow after germination.
- Lightly rake the seed into topsoil. This will help to protect the seed and aid germination.
- Water your new lawn immediately after laying it and for at least 5 weeks after installation. (Check the current water restrictions)
- Water your new lawn frequently with fine spray to help it get established. It is recommended that you sow your seed in the spring or autumn. (Check the current water restrictions)
- Use a seed mixture containing 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.
- Don't plant anything that you can not easily maintain.
- Remember to leave enough space for the collection of rubbish/recycling bins and for people to access parked cars.
- 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
- Remember to take before and after photographs to record all of your hard work!



#### 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](mailto:OSpace@portphillip.vic.gov.au); via phone on 9209 6821 or access information on the council's website [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au)