

# *Kikuyu*

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In preparing to lay your Kikuyu it is advisable to have at least 100mm of well worked soil. This can be achieved by rotary hoeing the existing soil, if suitable, or if there is minimal or poor soil, additional topsoil is required. Remove all stones, clods and other debris.

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Rake the entire area to ensure there is a smooth, even surface, allowing about 20mm below paths and driveways for the thickness of the turf.

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You are now ready to order your Kikuyu. Using a tape, measure the area and calculate it in square metres. Organise the delivery for the day you intend to lay the turf as prompt installation is important for a good start to your lawn.

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Lilydale Instant Lawn provides lawn starter, which you apply to the soil prior to laying the turf.

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Begin laying your turf along a straight edge, such as a driveway or footpath, furthest from the stack of turf.

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When laying Kikuyu, lay it flat on the ground, next to each other in a brick work pattern, do not push them up too hard as this can leave the root system without ground contact, which will cause the turf to dry out quickly, and you will use more turf than your area needs.

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The turf can be trimmed with a sharp knife to conform with paths and garden edges, etc.

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In hot dry conditions it is a good idea to top dress your **kikuyu** with white washed sand. This will reduce your water requirements and speed up turf establishment.

**1 cubic meter of white washed sand per 100m<sup>2</sup> turf.**

You may roll your turf after laying to achieve Maximum soil contact.

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It is essential that watering of Kikuyu commence immediately upon installation. A thorough soaking of the turf is required. For larger installations, watering should commence as sections are completed. It is vital that the turf is kept moist until root growth is established. To establish Kikuyu, especially in hot conditions, it is best to water up to 4 times per day. Once the roots have taken hold, watering can be eased off.