

## **Mowing Your New Lawn**

1. Never forget your lawn is a living thing. If you want it to look its best then you will need to look after it.
2. About 1.5–2 weeks after your new lawn has been laid, it will be time for its first mow. However, the time between laying and mowing may vary according to the season: in winter when the grass will not be growing much at all you might want to leave mowing until early spring.
3. For the first mow set your mower cutting height to the highest setting to avoid stressing and scalping the grass. Use a grass box to take away the clippings.
4. Never mow more than 1/3 off the height of the grass leaf. Mowing should be little and often. Do not allow your grass to grow high then chop it down.
5. Ensure your mower blades are nice and sharp.
6. You will need to mow twice a week in the spring and once a week in the summer.

## **Feeding Your New Lawn**

To keep your lawn looking lush and healthy it will require feeding. Like we have said previously, your lawn is a living thing.

### Spring Feeding

There are many different feeds available on the market today but in the spring you will need one which has a higher nitrogen content. It must be applied very evenly or you will scorch your new lawn. If there is a lack of rain, once the feed is applied you will need to water it in if it's in a granular form.

### Summer Feeding

You will certainly need to feed your lawn in the summer. Again, if it's a dry period, which sometimes does happen in the UK, then you will need to water granular fertiliser in.

### Autumn Feeding

Yes you do need to feed your lawn in the autumn, it will start to prepare it for the winter and help to strengthen the plant. Lower nitrogen-based products and more phosphates and potassium are recommended for this time of year.

### Winter Feeding

It is necessary to feed your lawn in the winter. This will help to protect the lawn against disease and frost damage.