



Oz Tuff

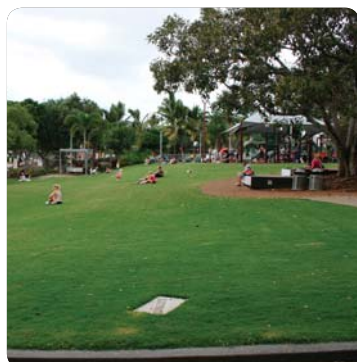
Premium Turfgrass



This fine textured, low maintenance premium turf grass is one of the most exciting environmentally responsible grasses to be developed in recent years. It's tough and drought resistant, making this grass highly suitable for sports turf, residential lawns and commercial areas. The exceptional high salt and poor water resistant qualities of OzTuff make it highly suitable for areas affected by animal urine and salt water.

CHARACTERISTICS

- A soft to touch feel which is very dense under foot.
- The leaf width is fine.
- Thatch and mat is dense.
- Year round deep dark green colour that is maintained under very low fertiliser inputs.



PERFORMANCE

- Exceptional drought resistance.
- The highest salt tolerance of any couch variety.
- Tolerates the use of recycled water.
- Low growing means less mowing.
- Stays greener longer and recovers quickly after stressful conditions.
- Very high disease resistance.



MAINTENANCE

- Requires very low fertiliser inputs to maintain that deep dark green colour.
- Mowing frequency is low when managed with low fertiliser inputs.
- Water requirements are lower than any other turf type lawn grass.
- Weed management is easy as OzTuff has exceptional resistance to most herbicides.

DURABILITY

- The highest wear resistance of any turf grass.
- If damaged the tight matrix of root and stolons quickly regenerate leaf growth.

USES

- Residential and commercial lawns, foreshore parks, sports fields, high profile lawn areas and overflow carparks.
- Pool surrounds, canal frontages.
- Any area where a low maintenance, wear and drought resistant premium turf grass is required.

Turf Reference

Maintenance Required	Low
Disease Resistance	High
Self Repairing	High
Drought Tolerance	High
Shade Tolerance	Medium

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SOIL PREPARATION

- For best result, cultivate, till or spade the area to a depth of 100 to 150 mm.
- Eliminate drainage problems by having soil slope away from foundations, etc
- Cultivate or rake in the fertilizer, lime, organics, compost, etc. as needed to a depth of 50 mm to 150 mm.
- Rake and smooth soil removing rocks, roots, and large clods.
- Roll the area with a lawn roller. This will firm the soil surface and reveal low areas that need more soil.
- Keep the grade 25mm below sidewalks and driveways for the new turf to sit into.
- Water the prepared area to settle the soil and provide a moist base for turf.



TURF INSTALLATION

- Apply a pre plant fertiliser like Sir Launcher which contains a pre plant fertiliser and water crystals. Rake this into the surface.
- Prior to laying turf check that the soil surface is not too hot. Wet the soil down if soil is hot.
- Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Turf is degrading in the pallet so all turf must be laid within 12 hours of delivery.
- Begin installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk. Butt and push ends against each other tightly, without stretching. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a large sharp knife to trim corners, etc.
- On slopes, place the turf pieces across the slope.
- After installing the turf, roll the entire area to improve turf-soil contact.
- Begin watering lawn within 30 minutes of installation. Turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture.
- During first two weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn. This gives the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil, and insures that the turf will remain smooth.

TURF ESTABLISHMENT

- **Installation:** We recommend 10Litres of per m2 on installation. To calculate how long it will take to water in your new lawn, time how long it takes to fill a 10 litre bucket then divide the time by 10 and multiply by the square meters of lawn you have.
- **Week One:** Water up three times a day, during the day for the first week, This will help replace lost moisture in the turf.
- **Week Two:** Roots should have formed so watering can be reduced to once per day but watering should be longer to encourage the roots to search deeper.
- **Week three:** Water a couple of times per week. Again increase the watering time to encourage deep rooting. Full establishment could take between one and three months depending upon the season etc. You should be mowing your new lawn by now. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the leaf at any one time.

WATERING

- Generally watering will be seldom required once fully established.
- Infrequent deep watering is always recommended on all grasses to help promote a deep root system. This may be once or twice per week.
- Signs of drought stress is the leaves turning brown.

FERTILISING

- Once OZ TUFF is established, you can fertilise either once per year for a low maintenance lawn or for an absolute pristine lawn you can fertilise 2—3 times per year preferably in early spring, early summer and early autumn to promote growth.
- Sandy soils will require more frequent fertilising.
- Use good quality slow release fertiliser like "Sir Walter Premium Lawn Food".
- In the spring apply mineral and organic fertilisers like lime, blood and bone and Ausmin.

MOWING

- Recommended mowing heights is between 25-40mm.
- Regular mowing with sharp blades is recommended for all lawns. Frequency will depend on growth rates at the time.

PESTS

- **Lawn grubs:** Damage can occur but a healthy lawn should recover quickly. Most pesticides are suitable for use on Aussiblu.
- **Weeds:** Usually only occurs in areas where the lawn is not healthy. This may be caused from excessive shade, high wear or poor nutrition. Do not use products containing Dicamba, DSMA, or MSMA. Always check the label for suitability on couch grass.
- **Fungal:** Brown Patch and Leaf spot can occur especially during periods of rainfall and humidity. Avoid fertilising with nitrogen fertilisers prior and during these events. Fungicides can be applied.

With all pesticides ALWAYS CHECK THE LABEL.

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