



Sapphire

Steinotaprum secundatum "B12"

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SOFT LEAF BUFFALO™



Sapphire Soft Leaf Buffalo is a fantastic alternative to the traditional buffalo varieties with an attractive fine leaf blade, together with a beautiful colour that will just make your neighbors green with envy.

CHARACTERISTICS

- Soft in texture and lush that not only feels great underfoot, but is strong enough to endure the rigours of daily family life...bouncing back time after time.
- Deep blue green colour retention you can enjoy year round like no other turf on the market.

PERFORMANCE

- Drought resistance is one of Sapphire's strong points. Minimal watering to keep its lush green appearance, all-year-'round. Possessing a low thatch growth habit means moisture is locked in through a tight matrix of blades.
- Full sun & shade tolerant is perfect for both new lawns and replacing older, tree shaded areas.
- Salt Tolerant. Perfect for coastal areas or inland regions where ground salinity may pose a challenge for other lawn varieties.

MAINTENANCE

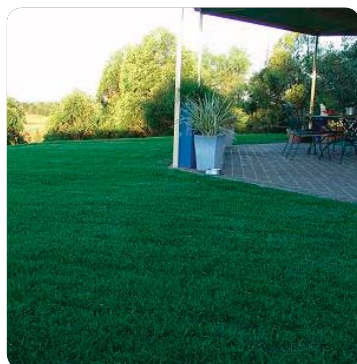
- Low maintenance which equals less attention, more enjoyment.
- Weed resistant structure keeps your lawn looking and feeling great, whilst keeping nasties such as black beetles and fungal pests at bay as well.

DURABILITY

- Sapphire has a deep root structure with a high drought tolerance once established.
- Recovers very quickly from damage time and time again.
- Sapphire will hold its colour during winter but only if you fertilize in April

USES

- Residential and commercial lawns, parks, childcare centres.



Turf Reference

Maintenance Required
Low

Disease Resistance
High

Self Repairing
High

Drought Tolerance
High

Shade Tolerance
High

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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 are a blue tinge and shrivelling of the leaf. Leaf death is swift if left unchecked.

FERTILISING

- Fertilise 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.
- Shaded areas require a higher height of cut of between 50-70mm.
- 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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