



LIME

Landscaping



your guide to what comes next



After making a significant investment in establishing your lawn and gardens, it's important to remember that nothing stays new forever. Maintenance is a necessary evil to ensure your lawn and gardens stay healthy and retain their fabulous appearance.

Essential needs for any lawn/garden are;

1. Water;
2. Fertiliser;
3. Elimination of weeds and disease.

Here are some points to consider to ensure your garden stays in tip-top shape:

Sprinkler System Efficiency

The general rule of thumb is to water the soil to a depth of 200mm beneath the grass. It is actually more water efficient to water your lawn well, less often than water it for short bursts more often, as most of the water will be lost to evaporation.

This deep watering method will encourage deep-rooted grass that copes better during extended dry periods.

To ensure your sprinkler system gets the job done we encourage a yearly service.

Usually done leading-in to the warmer months, this service ensures:

- ☉ Your system is capable of handling the heavy watering season ahead;
- ☉ You reduce your water use and vastly improve your turf health and colour;
- ☉ All sprinkler heads are the correct height, filters are clean, arcs are adjusted correctly and solenoids are fully functional.

If these items are not checked, you run the risk of losing turf or plants due to dry and/or wet boggy areas, which will also encourage disease and weed growth.

Controller Settings

Your controller settings are critical in ensuring the development of deep root systems. The controller should be set for current weather conditions, ensuring optimum water use and turf health.

Generally, the controller remains off during winter. Only water when needed during spring to encourage root growth in your lawn, and summer and autumn watering is dependent on the lawn type.

Lawn Weeds & Disease

Hand-removing weeds can be back-breaking work and extremely time consuming.

It is important to act quickly as the odd weed in spring can become a major problem by midsummer (once the weeds have seeded and the problem has spread across your lawn). *continued over page.*

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The key is to hit the weeds early. Lawn weedkillers are powerful chemicals, which is why we have fully accredited operators to undertake the application of all fertilisers and herbicides. We also ensure all necessary safety precautions are observed.

In the advent of a disease or pest outbreak, we will advise you of your options and treat according to your needs. Certain chemicals can be detrimental to certain types of grass, so the grass type must be identified before any chemical application.

We advise all customers to monitor any changes in turf condition and remember, if you can kill the weeds before they flower and seed, you've gone a long way towards stopping the problem from occurring next spring!

Please note that **lime landscaping** only use low-risk products, but in the rare situation that your lawn requires something with a bit more zing, you will be consulted first.

Also be aware that Cockchafer Grubs can destroy lawns in 2 weeks if not treated.

The first sign will be dying patches of lawn. Cockchafer Grubs are prominent in late spring and early summer and attack the lawn roots, particularly cool season grasses (Fescue and Rye). Talk to us for more information on how to tackle Cockchafer Grubs.

Fertilisers & Herbicides

Fertiliser is essential in turf maintenance and appearance and serves as food for your lawn. We suggest all lawns need a feed at the beginning of the growing season, which is around October.

The fertiliser should be a well balanced mix of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium, which are all vital elements for a healthy lawn. It is important that fertilisers are applied evenly to the area and watered well pre and post application, to avoid the roots burning off.

The application of fertilisers will increase strength in the plant cell walls, maintain good colour, reduce wear and diminish disease susceptibility.

Lawn & Garden Maintenance Basics

1. Mowing height 15-30mm depending on grass type:
©15-20mm for couch, Kikyu and Buffalo.
©25-30mm for Tall Fescue and cool season grasses.
2. First 2 to 3 mows use push mower.
3. Not necessary to use mower catcher.
4. Turn water off night before mowing.
5. Water new lawn when finished mowing.
6. Fertilise regularly, generally every 2 to 3 months.
7. Check soil moisture in garden beds by feeling under the mulch, to ensure plants are not too wet or dry, particularly after rain. The controller will need to be set accordingly.
8. Ensure weeds are minimised.
9. Repair bare patches to prevent weed invasion.
10. Use pitch fork to relieve compaction in traffic areas.



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Water features;
Dingo hire;
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Pump sales, installation and service;
Identification and treatment of lawn weeds and disease.

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