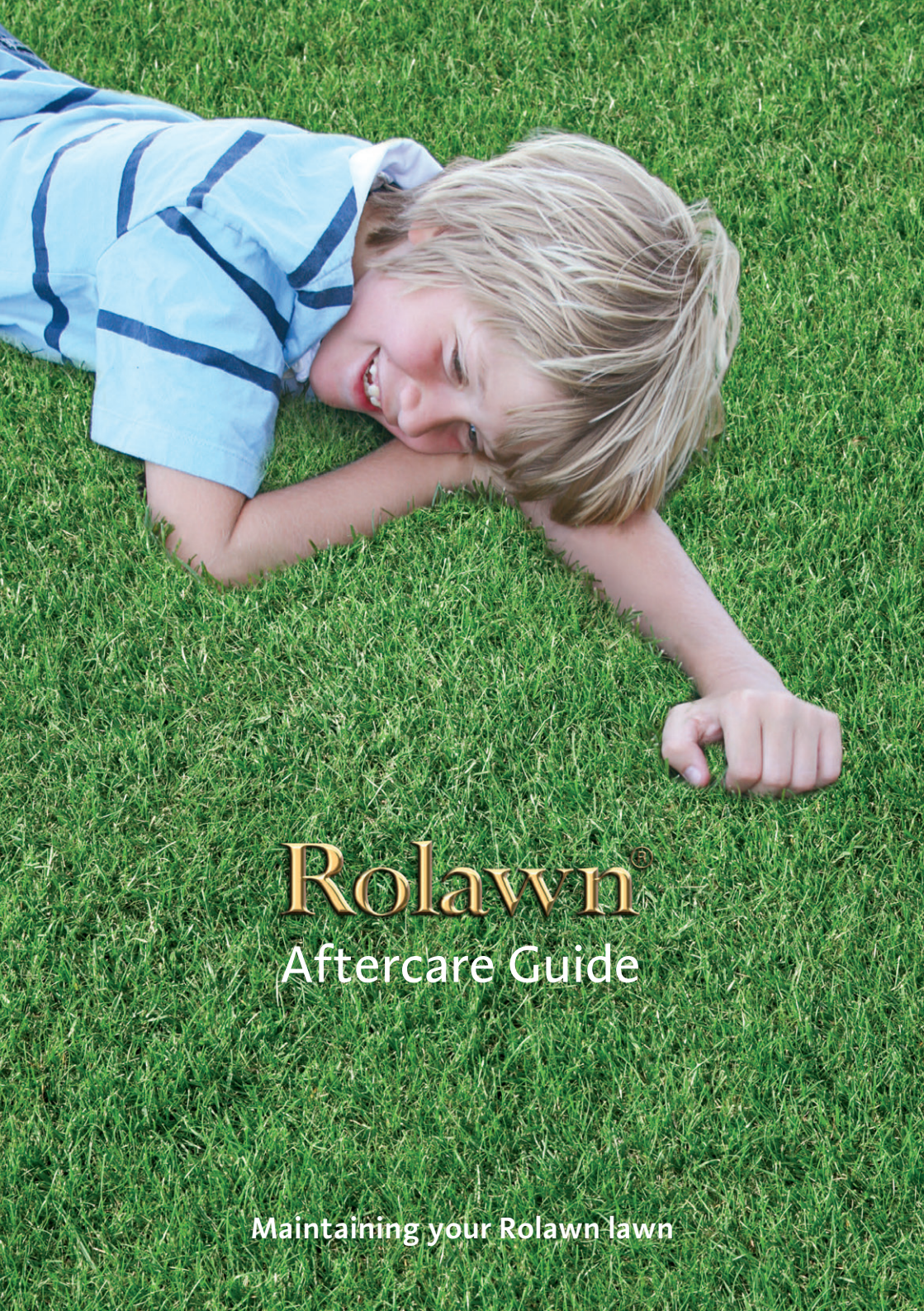




Rolawn®

Aftercare Guide

Maintaining your Rolawn lawn



Water it

Immediately after laying

Water

Watering your new Rolawn turf is the single most important step you need to take to establish a beautiful and healthy lawn.

- Start watering on the day turf is laid. On hot days, you will need to start watering prior to laying all the turf.
- Ensure that the new lawn is never short of water. Lift corners of the turf to confirm water has got through to the underlying soil.
- Water repeatedly until the turf is well established.
- If rainfall is experienced you still need to check that the lawn is receiving sufficient water.
- Use water wisely by only watering in the early morning or late evening to avoid water loss due to evaporation.
- Once established, occasional watering during dry periods should be adequate.

Soon after laying

Mow

Be prepared to mow your new lawn as soon as it needs it, which may be within the first week. Mowing encourages establishment but this should be the only traffic in the first few weeks.

- Don't delay. Most people allow turf to get too long.
- For the first few cuts, remove just the top quarter of the grass blade. Over the next few cuts gradually lower the mowing height down to 25mm.
- Alternate the direction in which you mow your lawn.
- Clippings do not have to be collected if they are minimal, provided sunlight is reaching the blades of grass. Clippings in small amounts return nutrients to the soil encouraging a healthy lawn.



Mow it

Careful maintenance is the key to a beautiful lawn

The appearance of your Rolawn lawn will be affected by the environment it is living in and the treatment it is receiving. A healthy lawn requires a balance of air, food, water and light. An appropriate maintenance programme helps to keep these elements in balance.

Mowing

Rolawn Medallion® turf is used to a cut height of 25mm. You should aim for the same without ever removing more than one third of the grass blade length at any one time. Adjust how often you mow your lawn dependent on how quickly the grass grows. In the peak growing seasons frequent mowing can dramatically enhance your lawn's appearance. A little and often is the best approach.



If your lawn becomes too long gradually bring it back down to the desired height over a number of cuts. Mowing a lawn too short too quickly will result in a sparse, pale, weak, stalky lawn.

Whatever type of mower you have it must be well maintained, with blades sharpened at least once a year.

Feeding

It is vital your lawn receives sufficient nutrients to remain healthy. This will require a considered feeding programme.

Rolawn GroRight® Lawn Fertiliser, Weed & Moss Killer is a triple action granular product, which will not only feed your lawn, but also fight weed and moss, to give you a beautiful greener lawn. It can be used any time between late spring and early autumn, when grass and weeds are actively growing.

Overseeding established lawns

Overseeding an established lawn is an essential part of annual lawn maintenance. It improves the lawn's colour, helps fill in damaged or worn areas and will reduce possible weed and moss invasion by creating a thicker denser lawn.

Overseeding can be combined with top dressing, brushed into the surface of the lawn.



Enhance it

Overseeding shaded areas

Most lawns have areas that can struggle to sustain lawn quality, often due to shade, and may require additional seeding.

We recommend a mix of Rolawn Medallion® Premium Lawn Seed and Lawn Topdressing brushed into the surface of the lawn.

Consider also cutting back encroaching foliage to allow more light and air to get to the lawn.

Topdressing

Topdressing your lawn is vital to retain a level surface, improve drainage and control the build up of thatch.

Rolawn Lawn Topdressing is a high quality, sand based, multi-purpose lawn dressing, designed for use on Rolawn turf. It can also be used to improve any utility lawn.

Rolawn Lawn Topdressing will enhance a lawn's appearance by stimulating new grass growth and increasing tolerance to wear and tear.

It can be applied anytime, when the grass is actively growing.

Scarifying

Scarifying removes thatch and dead moss and is usually carried out in autumn. Excessive thatch stops water and air from penetrating through to the soil, which in turn will lead to problems. Use a spring-tine rake or a mechanical scarifier to remove the organic matter.

Dealing with moss

Moss in your lawn should be removed through scarification and reseeding.

Apply a moss killer such as Rolawn GroRight® Lawn Fertiliser, Weed & Moss Killer. Once the moss has turned brown/black, scarify using a spring-tine rake or a mechanical scarifier.

Aerating

Aerating helps to relieve compaction and assist with drainage. Use a garden fork or powered aerator in spring and autumn to spike your lawn, especially before applying a lawn food or topdressing.

Other maintenance procedures

Other aftercare procedures for controlling pests and diseases should be undertaken to maintain the quality of the lawn.



Live it

Frequently asked questions

Will my turf contain Annual Meadow Grass?

We make strenuous efforts to minimise the presence of Annual Meadow Grass (AMG) in our turf. However, we do not supply our turf as being guaranteed free from AMG and dependent on growing conditions and the time of year its presence can increase.

How should I remove toadstools from my turf?

Toadstools may appear in any turf, whether long established or recently laid. Generally they are harmless, but they should not be eaten. Remove by picking them off (wear gloves); alternatively they can be mown off with a box on the lawnmower in order to collect them.

An appropriate mowing regime will help reduce appearance of toadstools. A sharp frost also tends to reduce a toadstool population.

What should I do if my turf develops Fusarium?

Certain weather conditions in autumn/winter can result in a fungal disease called Fusarium occurring in both new and established lawns.

This is not unusual, and, although unsightly, should not kill the turf. Sharp frosts will arrest its development and the lawn should recover during the course of the following spring.

Further information

For further detailed information on lawn care and maintenance and to sign up for free lawn care tips visit www.rolawn.co.uk

Seasonal lawn maintenance

January/February

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Service mower and ensure blades are sharp.
- Stay off the lawn if frozen or waterlogged.



March/April

- Start mowing the lawn as warmer weather stimulates turf growth and increase the frequency of mowing as required.
- Apply Rolawn Lawn Topdressing.
- Apply a suitable fertiliser.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Patch damaged lawn areas and edges with Medallion® turf or Rolawn lawn seed.
- Overseed if your lawn is more than 12 months old with Rolawn lawn seed.



May/June

- Increase mowing frequency, a little and often is the key.
- Aerate.
- Remove by hand or spot treat coarse grasses and weeds.
- Water if rainfall is low.
- Treat lawns containing weeds and moss with Rolawn GroRight® Lawn Fertiliser, Weed & Moss Killer.



July/August

- Use water wisely, but to maintain colour in summer more watering will probably be required. In times of drought your Rolawn lawn will go brown and dormant. It will recover when rainfall returns.
- Apply a Chafer Grub Killer and Leatherjacket Killer if required.
- Make arrangements for your lawn to be mown whilst you are on holiday.



September/October

- Gradually decrease mowing frequency as grass growth slows, raise the height of cut as winter approaches.
- Scarify if your lawn is more than 12 months old.
- Aerate.
- Feed with Rolawn GroRight® Lawn Fertiliser, Weed & Moss Killer.
- Repair damaged or worn areas with new Rolawn turf or lawn seed.
- Apply Rolawn Lawn Topdressing.
- Allow worm casts to dry before brushing with a stiff broom.



November/December

- Remove leaves and debris.
- Mow if the lawn is still growing.
- Prune and thin foliage surrounding the lawn.
- Clean and oil all equipment before putting into winter storage.



Further information

Practical 'How to' videos

Visit www.rolawn.co.uk and click on Rolawn TV to view our 'How to' videos on laying turf, lawn care and selecting the right topsoil.



Free lawn care tips

To receive regular free lawn care tips, seasonal maintenance reminders and special offers, all via email please visit www.rolawn.co.uk click on the link to customer services, then click on 'Free Lawncare Tips'.

Technical Information

For more in-depth details about laying turf, maintaining a lawn, lawn pests and diseases and frequently asked questions, please visit www.rolawn.co.uk/information-centre

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Rolawn has attained Green Achiever Gold Award status. The award demonstrates the positive action taken in the way the company cares for the environment.



Rolawn supports the Greenfingers Charity which is dedicated to the creation and improvement of the gardens at UK children's hospices.



Rolawn is an affiliate member of British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI).



Rolawn is a Premier Trade Subscriber of the STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute).



Rolawn are members of Turfgrass Producers International (TPI).





Rolawn is Europe's largest producer of cultivated turf and is also recognised as Britain's leading supplier of high quality sustainable soft landscaping products, including topsoils, mulches, barks and composts. Our renowned Medallion® turf is Britain's biggest selling and most frequently specified, being the first choice for both professional and domestic gardeners who demand the best.

The Rolawn brand is the recognised benchmark of quality and service, achieved through a commitment to advanced production processes, innovation and attention to detail in all areas for over 40 years. Rolawn also supplies lawn seed and fertiliser, topdressing and soil improver.

With our sister company Hallstone Developments Limited, Rolawn has developed processes to provide unique recycled sustainable topsoils, mulches, aggregates, de-icing salt and sandbags. All Rolawn and Hallstone topsoils are safe, fertile, certified, of consistent high quality and analysed to BS3882:2007

Rolawn recognises that concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of its business strategy and operating method. Consequently, we continually review our production procedures and business practices. In recognition of this fact we have been awarded a Green Achiever Gold award, which endorses the positive steps taken to develop our green credentials.



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