

# Installing and Maintaining

## Sir Grange

### Background

Sir Grange is one of the world's best-looking grasses and it adapts to most climates. When fully established it will use very little fertiliser and water and requires less mowing than most other varieties. Once it establishes a root depth of 200mm or more it will become extremely shade and drought tolerant.



### Guidelines to get the best from Sir Grange

Sir Grange can take some time to establish, however once this is achieved the result is very rewarding. It pays to be mindful that Sir Grange is a very slow-growing lawn, therefore it can be very slow to fully establish. It takes about 18 weeks of warm growing weather to fully establish; in colder climates such as Victoria this may not happen until the second season.

### **Sir Grange is ideal for you if:**

- You want an extremely high-class, superb looking lawn, the best of the best.
- You are prepared to allow it time to establish properly and understand its establishment needs.
- You don't require a high-wear lawn area or much use during the establishment period.
- You don't have heavy shade during the establishment period.
- You don't intend for dogs to regularly use the area.
- You don't have heavy or clay soil.
  - **Before your Sir Grange arrives:**
    - Trim all your gardens and trees right back, so they are not overhanging the lawn area during the establishment period.
    - It is recommended that Anco Lawn Starter or Lawn Solutions Lawn Launcher is used as a starter fertiliser for the best establishment of Sir Grange.
    - Install a good sand or sandy base of at least 150mm – the deeper the base the better the lawn will perform.
    - Make sure your sprinkler can cover the lawn evenly, regardless of whether it's a manual shift or automatic sprinkler system.
    - Be sure that no areas hold water and they are all drained well.
    - Follow the advice of your turf supplier in relation to starter fertiliser applications.

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*Note: Installing Sir Grange between April and October in colder climates such as Victoria is not recommended*

### **During the first three months following installation:**

- It's all about getting a deep root system established as soon as possible. It is vital to water down to a depth of 150mm during the establishment period. It's

a good idea to take a core sample once every few weeks to ensure the correct depth of water penetration.

- Perform spot checks after three weeks to determine if the turf can be lifted. If it can in certain areas and not others, chances are its roots are shallower in those areas and these spots will need to catch up with the assistance of additional deep watering during establishment.
- If some areas receive more wear or shade during this period, try to reduce these factors until full establishment is achieved.
- Carefully follow our recommendations on fertiliser. We recommend Lawn Solutions Australia Premium Fertiliser at half rate or a standard fertiliser product at the same half rate.
- You need to water a newly established Sir Grange lawn for at least 45 minutes each day for the first 3 weeks after installation during the warmer months and then deeply irrigate down to 150 mm every 2nd or 3rd day until fully established.

**After the establishment period:**

- The hard work should be behind you and you should own a beautiful lawn.
- You only need to water your established Sir Grange lawn if it looks dry or conditions are extreme.
- Fertiliser use should be minimal. Fertilise established Sir Grange only if your lawn looks hungry and loses colour. We recommend Lawn Solutions Australia Premium Fertiliser at half rates.
- Mow as needed at a height you desire between 20 and 40mm.
- For seasonal weed control and to provide valuable nutrients to your Sir Grange lawn, we recommend OxaFert during Spring and Autumn.

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