

# RTF Tall Fescue

Rhizomatous Tall Fescue is a Perennial cool season bunch type grass. It was selected by Lawn Solutions Australia as the very best performing Tall Fescue for your home lawn. With its self repairing rhizome root system, RTF fills in bare spots in a thinning lawn and minimises overseeding. It produces a thick, even, lush, soft turf with deep roots that has good tolerance to hot conditions.

Tall Fescue is best suited to irrigated turf and lawn areas. Unlike warm season grasses, it will stay green 12 months of the year.



# Uses:

Home Lawns Naturestrips Commercial landscapes

#### **Growth Style:**

Bunch type grass

#### Texture:

Medium to coarse leaf

#### **BENEFITS**

- Self-repairing grass that fills in bare spots
- Grows in sun or shade areas
- Resistance to pests
- Resistance to disease
- Produces a lush lawn
- Soft to the touch and gentle on bare feet
- Good wear tolerance
- Green year round

#### **MAINTENANCE**

#### Fertilising:

- Apply Lawn Food in September and again in December.
- Tall fescue prefers regular fertilising all year round.
- In summer the use of wetting agents will keep the turf green and reduce the incidence of dry patches.
- In March apply Lawn Food to aid root production prior to the onset of winter.

#### Weed control:

If weeds appear it is best to remove them by hand if possible as chemicals can discolour or kill the grass. Specific products that are safe to use on your RTF lawn are available at our Anco stores.

#### **Mowing:**

Regular mowing improves the quality and look of a Tall Fescue lawn. The ideal mowing height is 30–45mm. Less frequent mowing is required in winter.

# **Backed by Lawn Solutions:**

As a member of the Lawn Solutions Australia house of brands, your purchase of RTF will also be covered by our nationwide warranty.





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# Installation & Watering

# TURF INSTALLATION

Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Begin watering the grass within 30 minutes of installation.

Turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture to survive. In hot weather, protect unlaid turf by placing stacks in shade, or lightly sprinkling with water.

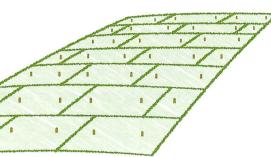
Begin installing turf along the longest straight line such as a driveway or path. Butt and push edges and ends against each other tightly, without stretching. Avoid gaps or over lapping. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick like fashion, using a large knife to trim corners, etc. Avoid leaving small strips at outer edges as they won't retain moisture.

To eliminate causing indentations or air pockets avoid walking or kneeling on turf while it is being installed or just after watering. After installing the turf, rolling the entire area to improve turf/soil contact and remove air pockets is beneficial.

On slopes place turf across the slope. On steep slopes, use wooden pegs to anchor the turf.

We recommend Buffalo is topdressed with washed sand at a rate of ½m³ per 100m². This helps to retain moisture and aids establishment.





## WATERING

Give your new grass lawn at least 25mm of water within half an hour of installation.

In the **first week**, turf may require watering three times per day in warmer or windy conditions. Water daily or more often, keeping turf moist until it is firmly rooted (about two weeks). These first two weeks are the most critical time for the turf. If possible, try to avoid watering at night as this can increase the risk of disease.

### Do not allow turf to dry out at any stage.

In the **third and fourth week**, less frequent and deeper watering should begin. Heavy watering, but not as often, encourages deep rooting, Ideally you want the turf roots to get 100–150mm deep.

Weather conditions will dictate the amount and frequency of watering. Be certain that your new lawn has enough moisture to survive hot, dry or windy periods. Water areas near buildings more often where reflected heat dries the turf.

In Autumn & Winter, watering should dramatically reduce during these cooler months when we generally receive more rainfall and the turf goes into dormancy.









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