

# How to use water wisely on your lawn



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**Water is a precious resource that we need to use responsibly. This is also the case when you lay a new lawn and with its ongoing care. Here are a few “Do’s and Don’ts” to help you:**

### **When you lay your new lawn...**

#### **Do**

- Choose the right turf for your garden and soil type. Speak to a TGA grower or supplier for advice on what suits your garden best.
- Plan ahead with large areas. Don't have too much turf delivered at once.
- Water turf in as you lay it so it does not dry out. When you lay your new lawn make sure that you use enough, but not too much, water to establish it. Ask your supplier for advice or visit our website for more information.
- Check the weather forecast. If rain is forecast then let natural precipitation help with the work.

- When you water, do it early in the morning or late evening to get the most benefit from it.
- Use water from a water butt, if you have one. You can also use water from the kitchen or bathroom on the lawn, when practical.

#### **Don't**

- Overwater your new lawn. This can lead to shallow root establishment which will weaken the grass.
- When you mow your lawn for the first time ensure the mower blades are sharp and don't cut it too short. This stresses the plant.

### **Once your new lawn is established...**

Don't worry if your lawn looks brown and parched. Going brown is its natural survival mechanism. When water is in short supply, grass responds by shutting down.

The brown colour shows that it has stopped growing until more favourable conditions return. Grass is remarkably resilient and most lawns will recover completely when the rain finally arrives.

For further guidance on looking after your lawn and to locate your nearest TGA grower, visit [www.turfgrass.co.uk](http://www.turfgrass.co.uk)

