



Sowing Grass Seed

Selecting the correct grass seed for your lawn area is crucial to ensuring a successful lawn. At Gardener Supplies we have many grass seed options available dependent on trafficking, shading, location, end result required and coverage. All grass seed mixes supplied by Gardener Supplies are sourced by approved seed houses and utilised by professional landscapers across the UK, they offer a combination of ryegrasses and fescues.

Sowing a lawn from seed is a cost-effective method to achieving a consistent and robust lawn area. The best times to sow a lawn is Spring or late Summer early Autumn when the ground is moist enough to assist germination.

Prepare the Ground

1. Fork or dig it over the soil removing any large stones, rocks or weed roots. By turning over the soil it will loosen up the soil structure allowing moisture, air and nutrients to filter through the ground.
2. Before seeding it is important the soil is levelled off by treading in with good sturdy boots! This will firm up the soil in place and remove any large gaps or air pockets in the soil structure. Finish off with a good raking – to make sure the ground is as even as possible. Give the ground one more tread in for good measure.

Seeding

3. Measure out one square metre of grass seed (35g) into a cup or measuring jug. At Gardener Supplies we recommend 35g per m² for our standard grass seed mixes, please refer to the Gardener Supplies website or pack instructions for precise

measurements, as they can vary for formal or low maintenance turf mixes.

4. Once you have the correct measurement for grass seed mark your container so that next time you know where to fill to for your next square metre.
5. Mark out a square metre on the ground or if you are more confident with your measurements you can visualize what a square metre looks like.
6. Sprinkle the grass seed evenly within your square metre, keep fairly low to the ground to avoid any drift from wind or breezes.
7. Be careful not to over-seed – stick to the measurements- to avoid any clumping of grasses.
8. Lightly rake the seed over, be careful not to bury as the seed will need light to germinate.
9. If rain is expected in the next few days leave the seed to do its work, if no rain is forecast give a light watering be careful not to drown.

Germination

10. You should expect to see a small amount of green within four weeks, weather dependent. The seeded area may appear patchy, this is to be expected.
11. When the grass reaches approx. 6cm mow on a high setting just removing the top 2cm, this will give the grass its first cut and encourage more growth in the areas that appear patchy.

Please note sowing a lawn from seed is a 12 month project, you should anticipate to achieve a consistent lawn covering of grass within 12 months.