

Royce Turf and Irrigation Information Sheet

Mowing

Do not mow until well rooted, the initial mowing should be a light topping. This is because the roots are still establishing and if cut to low the shock is too much for the plant to take and will take longer to re-cover, set the mower high and do not remove more than 25% of the growth at anyone mowing, you can gradually. Reduce to the desired height over a period of time, domestic lawns should not be cut below 25 mm (1 inch) in the summer. In periods of drought it is recommended that you leave the lawn 35 mm(1.5 inches) and leave the clippings on. The longer grass will protect the soil from drying out and the clippings will also act as a mulch keeping moisture in.

The best mower to buy is a cylinder mower, this gives a nice cutting action unlike the rotary mowers that give a tearing action. Cylinder mowers are more expensive but are worth the investment. Hover Mowers are good for banks but are not height adjustable to have any control of the lawns height.

Whatever mower you decide to use it is recommended that you have the blades sharpened at the beginning of the season. A lawn being cut with a blunt blade can easily be identified by the brown tips on the turf, on close inspection of a blade you will see a ragged cut not a smooth cut, this will ruin the appearance of a lawn and could lead to a possibility of disease attacking the lawn.

You should use a box to collect your clippings (except in drought conditions), there are some mowers which will recycle the clippings straight back into the lawn. An advantage of this is that the clippings are chopped into small clippings which rot down and re-feed the lawn Clippings can be used as compost but be aware. If you

At least once a year it is recommended that you scarify your lawn this can be done in early spring or autumn. This will remove any thatch and will encourage growth. This can be done in conjunction with a feed. I

Fertilising Feed your lawn every six to eight weeks during the growing season with a proprietary lawn fertiliser, starting four months if turf is laid in the summer and after two months if the turf is laid in the spring.