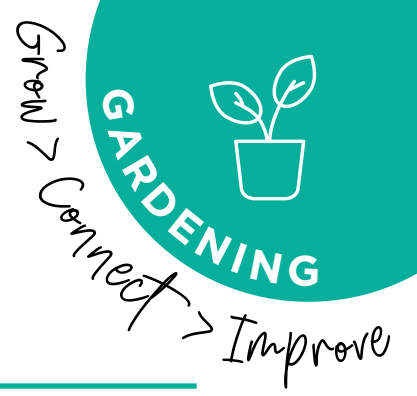




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Lawn renovation the easy way

Does your lawn look worn out from pets, overuse or just struggling after the first few years as a result of the tough Australian climate? Over-seeding your current lawn is a great way to rejuvenate your lawn back to its prime condition! This method can turn your lawn into a lush green oasis once again if done correctly, so why not give it a go!

The best time of year is either autumn or spring while your soil is still damp, and the soil temperature is in the mid-range.

These are the steps to follow:

1. MOW your lawn lower than usual which will allow more seed to reach the soil so the seed can do its job.
2. CLEAR any leaves, rubbish or grass cuttings from the area so the sun can get right down to the newly spread seed.
3. RAKE the ground with a steel rake to slightly disturb the surface soil.
4. FERTILIZE the area at the correct rates prescribed on the fertilizer packaging. Use a Lawn Starter Fertilizer and not a Lawn Food.
5. SEED your lawn by hand or by use of a spreader at the rates identified on the packaging. The normal rate is 1kg per 30M2 for all ryegrass-based blends.
It is best to use the same variety of seed that you have previously sown to reduce the risk of competition or an uneven look. If you are unsure of the grass type you can use a blend called Valley Seeds - Rake & Shake from Coles Supermarket or Hortico blends from Bunnings.
6. RAKE again after spreading seed to incorporate it with soil.
7. WATER frequently, lightly and preferably in the morning until you have a nicely moist seed bed for your fresh seed to grow. The seed must be kept damp at all times until germinated.



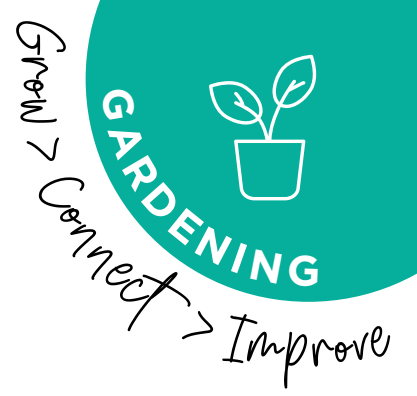
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8. MOW once your new seed has germinated and at a height of roughly 60mm. An important tip for a long-lasting lawn is never to mow lower than 60mm. Lawns mown lower than this often have a reduced life due to stress on the plant from mowing and this has the effect of reducing the depth of the root system and thus its ability to survive droughts and heat.

There you have it! Your lawn should be thick and green once again!



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