

Lavish Lawns

Installation Instructions



We would recommend you call upon the services of a professional to carry out the installation of your artificial lawn. However, understanding that you may wish to undertake the project yourself, we hope that the guidelines below will help you along.

There are various installation options available, so have provided the most commonly applied methods for your information.



BEFORE YOU START

When determining the length and width you will require, please do allow some extra that will be lost during cutting. It is recommended to make a draft design, and determine how the turf can best be applied. If you require several rolls, we would like to point out that all rolls should be installed in the same direction, as the fibres of the lawn tend to settle a little towards one direction. When installing the rolls, it is recommended that you position yourself so you are looking against the natural fibre direction of the lawn.

We advise against installation at temperatures below 10° Celsius and in damp weather conditions (rain, fog).

PREPARATION OF THE SUBSTRATE

Remove all grass, vegetation and stones from the area. Proper drainage of the soil is essential.

Existing hard surface

If the turf is installed on an existing hard surface, it is recommended to repair or remove any irregularities. Ensure that sufficient drainage is possible. A drainage mat could act as a suitable substrate solution in this environment.

In other cases, you may opt to install the substrate using compacted material, or, if you prefer a perfectly level and stable substrate, you could install a stabilised substrate of cement and sand.

Cement and Sand

Compacted material

Depending on the type of substrate, sufficient soil must be excavate until a level and stable base is achieved, the excavating depth will depend on the existing substrate. [1]

±10 – 15cm

±5 – 15cm

It is recommended to fit a (water/rot-proof) wooden frame around the complete installation. This will not only guarantee a perfect edge for the lawn on the one hand, but also allow the frame to secure the artificial turf. The frame is best placed immediately underneath the edge of adjacent zones (terraces, plants,...).

Fill the excavated area with a moist combination of cement and sand (ratio 1/7). Spread out this mixture, then level and compact, ideally using a vibrating plate. Leave enough time for the substrate to dry. [2]

Fill the excavated area with fine gravel (up to 10mm). Spread this mixture out, then level and compact, ideally using a vibrating plate. If necessary, finish with a layer of moist clay or angular sand, and compact once again with a vibrating plate until a perfectly smooth and level surface is obtained. [2]

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After finishing the preparation of the substrate, spread an anti-rooting membrane/geotextile fabric over the surface. An overlap of ± 10 cm between the different rolls is ideal. If appropriate, the membrane can be fixed to the wooden frame with stainless steel screws. [3]



If you prefer not to work with a wooden frame, curb stones to which the artificial turf can be glued can be used as an alternative.

INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF

Carpet



Roll out the carpet and, if you install several rolls, be sure to lay all in the same direction. Proceed carefully during the installation and while rolling out the carpet to avoid any folds. Make sure that the artificial turf is completely level everywhere, and leave enough time for it to acclimatise. Start by roughly cutting the outer edges. To do this, fold the carpet over and carefully cut between the pile rows along the back using a sharp knife. Trimming can be carried out at a later stage. [4]



Seams

Adjacent rolls are placed immediately next to each other or can be pushed close together. [5]



Fold the sides of the carpet back and roll the adhesive tape between the two pieces of artificial turf. [6/7]



Prepare the 2-component PU adhesive, carefully following the instructions of the supplier! Do not prepare this adhesive too early, as it will cure after a short, specified time. Spread the adhesive over a width of approximately 20cm and over the full length of the seam band using a toothed spatula. Remember not to use too much adhesive so as to avoid it being squeezed through the seam. [8]

Fold the carpet back and press it firmly onto the adhesive, ensure that no piles become stuck in the adhesive and that the two pieces of artificial turf are perfectly joined. In order to obtain a specially strong bond, the seam can be pressed down with (weighted) boards. [9]



For smaller installations you can use a waterproof mono-component PU adhesive, or a self-adhesive tape that is suitable for these applications.

Fixation



If present, the artificial lawn should be screwed onto the wooden frame with stainless steel screws. Alternatively, if the application does not use a wooden frame, the turf can be glued to curb stones. If only a small area is installed, for example if only one roll is used, you may not wish to use a wooden frame and to fix the edges of the artificial turf directly onto the substrate using stainless steel nails or pins. [10]

Finishing work



Trim the edges of the carpet where necessary. Remove all trimmings and loose piles and brush the pile of the carpet into the desired position. [11]

Please note that these guidelines are only provided for information. The successful installation depends on many factors that cannot all be addressed or accounted for in these instructions.

Contact your local stockist for a sample or visit www.carpetandflooring.co.uk/lavish-lawns/ to request a sample and to download maintenance instructions.



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