**QUIC-GROW® TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

1. **SOIL CONDITION**

*The soil condition will determine the success of your lawn. The healthier your soil, the healthier your grass*

* Regular watering, feeding and aeration will improve and ensure best soil conditions
* It is advisable **to loosen soil properly** and levelling of the soil before sowing
* Compost and organic fertiliser can be worked into the soil prior to sowing to enrich POOR soil
* Loosen the soil well prior to sowing, which will help in establishing the grass roots successfully
* Good **drainage** is the most important factor for optimal root development and growth

1. **SOWING**

*Please keep to the following sowing ratios to ensure the best coverage:*

* 1 bag up to 25m²
* *1 bag to cover 15-20m² is recommended*
* *ONLY use fine topsoil/lawn-dressing to cover the seed*

1. **WATERING**

*Water is the most determining and vital factor in creating a beautiful luscious lawn.*

*Note: every sprinkler system is unique – please monitor moist in the soil, and adjust your system accordingly*

* **First 2-3 weeks – keep soil moist by watering more often with short periods**

(3-5 min at a time in Winter, 10-12min in Summer)

* When the seed has germinated, reduce intervals and increase duration slightly in order to feed the roots
* ‘Deep watering’ every now and then will assist the roots in penetrating the soil even deeper
* In cases of **poor drainage**, rather water more often with shorter watering periods
* Prevent the roots from burning during hot and dry periods by watering more frequently
* Please consider *current weather* conditions *& season*, when watering, and adjust accordingly
* Early morning watering is recommended, and late afternoon, if required

1. **MOWING**

*Make sure your lawn mower blades are sharp and the height is set to minimum 5cm / 50mm*

* Mow once grass reaches height of 6-8cm
* **Mowing height should never be shorter than 5cm**
* Never remove more than 1/3 of the blades at once! **If** your lawn has grown over the recommended length, remove the tips 1/3 at a time – repeat process every second day till correct height of 5cm is attained.
* Watering will help restore the blades after mowing, **and not before**
* Mowing more often stimulates growth, thickening and multiplication of blades, ensuring a carpet-like lawn

1. **FEEDING**

*As everything in life – Quic-Grow*® *also needss additional feeding, such as organic fertilizers with Phosphate*

* **1st application of fertiliser should be at around 4 - 6 weeks after** sowing (do not skip this)
* Fertilise before winter and before summer (2x a year)
* Fertilising stimulates roots to grow stronger, blades to thicken, adding natural elements for optimal growth
* WATER WELL after each application of fertiliser, for at least 3 days after application, to ensure absorption

1. **AERATION**

*Aeration allows your grass roots to breath and ensures that the fertiliser, oxygen and water reach the roots*

* Shaded areas need to be aerated every 6 weeks (preferably before fertilising and deep watering sessions), to avoid compacting of soil
* When the soil is compacted, aeration is essential to allow oxygen into the soil, improving the root system
* When wanting to over-sow (for whatsoever reason), aerate (loosen the soil) before spreading the seed

1. **WEED CONTROL**

* Regular mowing and fertilizing reduces weed completion
* Apply spot treatment timeously to avoid weed infestation

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| MY SCHEDULE FOR MAKING Quic-Grow® A LONG-TERM SUCCESS | | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Period** | **Special instructions:** | **Watering** | **Mowing** |
|  | Day 1 | Sowing according to the correct ratios, as per Instructions. \*Increase seed amounts in shaded & high traffic areas. | 2-3 times  per day  light sprinkle  3-5min  -keep soil moist |  |
|  | Week 1 - 2 | See how they germinate…  (colder months takes about 14 days) | 2-3 times  per day  light sprinkle  3-5min  -keep soil moist |  |
|  | Week 2 | Mow firstly with a weed-eater (or edge trimmer) – ensure your lawnmower has a sharp blade | 2-3 times  per day  light sprinkle  3-5min  -keep soil moist | When reached  7-8cm  cut to 5cm |
|  | Week 3 |  | 2-3 times  per day  light sprinkle | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  | Week 4 | Aerate the soil if compacted | 2-3 times  per day  light sprinkle | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  |  | Apply  ***Apply Power Grow organic fertilizer*** | **\*Water well directly after application and for 2-3 days thereafter** |  |
|  | Week 4 - 8 |  | Once per day (morn.) slightly longer periods  +10-15min | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  | Week 8 - 16 | Aerate the soil if compacted | Every 2nd day – early morning.  longer periods | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  |  | Apply  ***Apply Power Grow organic fertilizer*** | **\*Water well directly after application and for 2-3 days thereafter** |  |
|  | Week 16 - 32 | Aerate the soil if compacted | Every 3rd day – early morning.  longer periods | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  |  | Apply  ***Apply Power Grow organic fertilizer*** | **\*Water well directly after application and for 2-3 days thereafter** |  |
|  | Week 32 – 48 | Aerate the soil if compacted | Every 4th day – early morning.  longer periods | Mow down to 5-6cm |
|  |  | Apply  ***Apply Power Grow organic fertilizer*** | **\*Water well directly after application and for 2-3 days thereafter** |  |
|  | Week 48 onwards | Aerate the soil when compacted  Fertilise every 4 months | Water when needed  \*Summer – twice a week  \*Winter – once a week | Mow down to 5-6cm |

***\*This schedule is only a guideline, and may vary subject to your personal/natural conditions.***

***Monitoring the progress of your lawn is vital.***

*Quic-Grow*® ***(on average) takes up to a year to get established, spreading and becoming drought tolerant depending on maintenance.***

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