

Product Specification Sheet: Greens Turf

Uses

Greens Turf is grown on topsoil and is used for pop-up golf greens, green surrounds, tees, approaches and fairways. It is not suitable for USGA specification green constructions. Because imported rootzone is not used in the production of this turf, it is a much cheaper option than our Rootzone Turf for Greens. However, in all other respects the turf is grown in the same way.

Characteristics

Greens Turf is grown on our indigenous topsoil. It is a very sandy soil with low levels of silt and clay. However, the higher percentage of very fine sand particles make it unsuitable for USGA specification green constructions. A full particle analysis is available on request.

The seed mixture used is 50% bent and 50% fescue by weight, giving a predominately bent sward at maturity. The typical seed mixture used is:

25% Heriot browntop bent - *Agrostis capillaris*

25% BarKing browntop bent - *Agrostis capillaris*

25% Barcrown slender creeping red fescue - *Festuca rubra litoralis*

25% Bargreen chewings fescue - *Festuca rubra commutata*

The first mowings after sowing are by hand mower at a height of 12mm, and then the triple greens mowers take over. The height is gradually reduced to 6-7mm to give a very dense sward. Verticutting takes place every four weeks. The mature turf is virtually free of *Poa annua*.

Lifting of the turf takes place when it is approximately one year old. This is the perfect time to lift turf of this type. At this age the turf is strong enough to handle. And, because of the regular verticutting, thatch has not been allowed to accumulate.

Mowing

Greens Turf can be mown as low as 3mm for short periods of time. However, a height of 5mm is more sustainable. Even at this height the fescues will struggle to survive on greens which get a lot of wear. At 6mm and more the fescues will have more chance to thrive. The turf is maintained at a height of 6-7mm in our nurseries, and we recommend that the height is kept at that level for at least the first six months after installation. If the turf is cut too low in the first year of establishment the grass will come under undue stress.

Nutrition

The nutrition of golf greens is a specialist subject and users should consult their golf course agronomist for advice.

Roll Sizes and Laying Service

Greens Turf is available in three sizes.

Standard 1m² roll measuring 610mm (24") by 1.64m (65")

Big roll 600mm (24") wide

Big roll 1.2m (48") wide

Free loan of big roll laying equipment is available. Alternatively, we offer a laying service with highly experienced crews.

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