

Hot / Dry Conditions

Although turf can be laid at any time of the year, some periods are better than others. As a general rule of thumb we say, if you are able to prepare the ground, we are able to supply the turf. However, as responsible turf producers, we feel it necessary to point out some of the pitfalls to laying turf in hot, dry conditions.

The ground needs to be completely prepared beforehand so the turf can be laid straight away. During very hot dry periods, we lift our turf on the morning of delivery so it will arrive with you as fresh as possible.

If the ground is very dry, it is a good idea to water before putting the turf down. Newly laid turf must be absolutely saturated initially, and then kept damp for 2-4 weeks until the lawn is well established. In the absence of any significant rainfall, you will need to constantly water the turf for the first week., and then daily every morning and evening.

In the UK, a drought is defined as 15 consecutive days, on none of which is there more than 0.2mm of rain. However, it does not need to be an absolute drought for our lawns to suffer. It is very easy to underestimate the amount of water required, but it is worth remembering that during hot dry spells, our gardens can be dry up to six inches, and it can take an hour for water to soak down just one inch—that really is a lot of water! Sprinkler systems are good, but they do not cover the entire lawn. In particular, pay attention to the roll edges which will dry out first.

We want you to be entirely happy with your lawn, and if you are unable to keep it watered, it may be best to just enjoy the sunshine and wait for a break in the weather before laying turf. Sherborne turf will still be here, and we will be more than happy to supply you with our quality Trent Turf when conditions are more favourable.

Please note: our usual guarantee does not apply where turf is laid against our recommendation.