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MeadowMat – Wild flower Matting

MeadowMat has been developed to help re-introduce wild flowers into gardens and public spaces creating wildlife habitat and providing a valuable source of nectar for declining species such as butterflies and bees. It consists of 34 species of native grasses and wild flowers.

MeadowMat can be installed at any time of year and overcomes all of the difficulties associated with establishing a wild flower meadow from seed such as poor germination rates, inaccurate seeding rates, bird damage or weed infestation. The healthy sward established on the mats prevents any undesirable species colonising. This ensures the perennials sown into the mat come back year on year whereas sowing direct onto soil allows undesirable weeds to quickly encroach and swamp out sown varieties.

MeadowMat is delivered with the wild flower plants and grasses growing strongly and ready to root into the prepared soil. Because it has such a dense established sward, any annual weed seeds that may be present in the prepared soil are supressed.

The plants are grown from seed by professional and knowledgeable growers under controlled conditions. The unique technique adopted for growing MeadowMat has been developed at our nurseries in Norfolk. Put simply the seed is sown into a thin layer of sterile growing medium that is supported by a fine net. The mats are grown on an impermeable membrane which prevents weeds getting in and stops tap rooted varieties from going down. This means that unlike some wild flower turf, MeadowMat roots are not disturbed during lifting and transportation so once installed it will very quickly form a healthy sward.

The standard blend has four varieties of native grasses and 30 species of wild flower. Bespoke mixtures are available for orders over 500 square metres (3 months’ notice during the growing season).

The flowers start to appear in April and carry on right through to as late as November depending on the growing season and the maintenance regime adopted. You can extend this by planting early spring bulbs into the mat.
MeadowMat –
Preparation and Laying Instructions

Preparation and installation couldn’t be simpler. Basically the same as for turf bearing in mind that MeadowMat prefers impoverished soil.

MeadowMat can be used for embankments where mowing presents a problem. On roundabouts and verges where maintenance can be dangerous, on public open spaces, out of play areas on golf courses and in parks and gardens.

PREPARE THE SITE:
1) Wild flowers thrive in really poor, low fertility soils. Remove all existing vegetation, including the roots. For large areas hire a turf cutter to make the job easier.
2) If the soil is high fertility remove it to a depth of 15cm and back fill with MeadowMat soil (available bagged or in bulk loads).
3) If the existing soil is poor, low fertility then dig over or rotovate the soil to a depth of at least 15cm.
4) Rake the soil to a fine tilth.
5) DO NOT add compost, fertiliser or soil improvers of any kind.

INSTALLATION:
1) Your MeadowMat will normally be delivered within three working days from ordering. It must be installed immediately after delivery. Please ensure your site is prepared so that laying can commence as soon as it is delivered.
2) Lift the rolls of MeadowMat into position. Rolls are generally 1m x 2m and can be heavy—lifting them is a two man job.
3) Unroll, ensuring that the back of your MeadowMat has good contact with the soil.
4) Butt pieces up close together and trim to size if necessary using a sharp knife.
5) Try to avoid stepping on newly installed MeadowMat.
6) Once laid water well. Ensure that the water has soaked through the MeadowMat and into the soil below.
7) Keep well watered for at least two weeks or until the roots have grown into the soil and thereafter as the weather dictates.
MeadowMat – Maintenance Regime

Once your wild flower meadow has rooted firmly into your soil, maintenance is relatively painless. There are two choices of maintenance regime, both are aimed at suppressing the growth of grasses so that they don’t overpower the flowering plants. Each regime allows flowering at a slightly different time of year… there’s no reason why flowering shouldn’t be prolonged by dividing a wild flower meadow into segments and managing some according to regime “A” and the rest according to regime “B”. Remember, your wild flower meadow will change from month to month, year to year, that’s what makes it such a fascinating product. Your soil type, the weather and conditions in your garden will all affect which species predominate at any time and we can’t guarantee that you’ll see every species listed in the seed mix every year.

REGIME A—TRADITIONAL HAY MEADOW MANAGEMENT
Is the traditional way to manage a flowering hay meadow and works well if there are early spring flowers in the sward such as cowslips. Plants are allowed to grow freely from March onwards. At the end of July, the sward is cut and the cuttings are left to dry on the surface of the meadow for 3-4 days, during which time any ripe seeds drip back into the sward. All cuttings are removed. When there is significant re-growth, mow the meadow, keeping it short throughout the autumn and winter.

REGIME B—EARLY CUTTING
This is more work in spring and it won’t produce a hay crop but does ensure that there are plenty of flowers throughout the summer when pollinating insects are at their most active. The disadvantage is that yellow rattle will be lost from the sward. Yellow rattle, or hay rattle as it is sometimes known is a plant that helps suppress grasses and stops them out-competing wild flowers.

Mow the area until the end of May and then allow it to grow and flower through the summer. Cut back in September/October and remove the clippings. Mow again in November/December, removing all cuttings.

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MeadowMat – Associated Products

MEADOWMAT LOW FERTILITY SOIL
(Sold loose or in cubic metre bulk bags)
- Complies to BS3882:2007
- Loamy sand light in texture
- Low fertility
- Free from rhizomes of pernicious weeds
- Typical PH of 6.9
- Suitable for establishment of species-rich wildflower grassland

MEADOWMAT SEED
Can be used to sow direct onto prepared soil or to over sow existing MeadowMat. Sow at 5 grams of seed per square metre. Mixture matches traditional MeadowMat blend.

SHARP SAND
When sowing MeadowMat broadcast the seed at a rate of 5g per square metre. Because of the low sowing rate it is recommended that you mix the seed with sharp sand to ensure a more even spread.
Why **MeadowMat**?

- Areas allocated for wild flower plantings are among the most attractive, most cost effective, most interesting and most wildlife friendly landscape improvements that can be made.
- Wild flowers will grow in impoverished soil, they don’t require any fertiliser and only require strimming back once a year saving a fortune on maintenance.
- Wild flowers offer a low cost solution to providing colour and interest to a landscape scheme.
- Sowing wild flowers from seed is notoriously difficult to achieve good results. Using MeadowMat is an easy way of guaranteeing successful instant wildflower areas.
- MeadowMat can be laid all year round and rapidly establishes. Due to the large selection of perennials in the mix it can be used in various sites with guaranteed results.
- MeadowMat can be used on areas dangerous or difficult to maintain such as busy roundabouts or steep banking.
Enviromat – Sedum Matting

Enviromat is a low maintenance soft landscaping material suitable for laying on the ground or for creating a living roof. The random mix of flowering sedum plants sown into Enviromat are extremely versatile, frost hardy and drought tolerant. The plants are grown on to a patented free-draining geotextile mat with a layer of growing medium that allows just the right amount of moisture retention for the plants—not too wet, not too dry. The mat that the sedum plants are grown on contains everything they need to survive and thrive with no requirement for additional growing mediums. The sedum plants themselves don’t require dead-heading, mowing or pruning.

Enviromat will encourage wildlife, attracting garden-friendly insects such as bees, butterflies and ladybirds. Birds appreciate the spent flower heads that provide nutrition and nesting material.

The plants have been selected for their wide range of colour, texture and seasonal differences in their flowers and foliage.

Enviromat consists of three interactive layers that work together to create a living carpet:

- **The geotextile layer:** A special fabric with a nylon loop knitted into it which supports the other two layers. The geotextile layer allows Enviromat to be rolled up for transportation and installation without the plants and the growing medium falling off.

- **The growing medium:** 20mm (2cm) deep of specially blended growing medium derived mainly from recycled brick and tile. Non-organic - so it won’t degrade on the roof, relatively light weight when compared to soil and well drained. Just how sedum plants like it.

- **The vegetative layer:** A random mix of low-growing sedum species that are fully hardy in this country. These are low maintenance, drought tolerant plants that can survive the exposed conditions one finds on most roofs. If they’re fed every spring, these plants will reward you with flowers for up to nine months of the year and fabulous foliage all year round.

Enviromat is ideal for low maintenance ground cover and is popular with local authorities, theme parks and gardeners because properly installed, it gives spectacular results with very little work - no mowing, no deadheading.
The Enviromat is a blend of sedum plants to provide year round colour, the mats will vary in which varieties dominate the mix depending on the time of year they were sown and other influencing factors such as amount of sunlight, climatic variations etc.
Enviromat – Installation Instructions for a Flat Roof

1. Remove all debris from the surface of the roof.

2. On an asphalt type roof, put down a layer of thick polythene or butyl pond liner. This protects the waterproofing from root damage and isn’t needed on an EPDM or Fibreglass surfaces. **Hint:** if you wet the polythene/butyl when it is in place, it will be far less slippery to work on.

3. If your roof has no upstand, put a timber or metal edging all around the roof. **Important:** fixings for the edging must not be screwed into the waterproofing and must allow excess water to drain from the roof.

4. Unroll the drainage mat, unfold the selvages and lay the next strip on top of them ensuring that the edges but up close to each other. If you have chosen to use a pebble edging, only take the drainage mat as far as the pebbles…it doesn’t need to be underneath them.

5. Lay the fleecy water retention matting on top of the drainage mat, preferably at 90 degrees to it. Again, make sure the edges butt up close together and be certain that the fabric is perfectly smooth with no wrinkles or air pockets beneath it.

6. Lay your Enviromat on top of the water retention matting. Each piece of Enviromat has an extra flap of geotextile backing fabric tucked underneath it. When you lay your Enviromat, this selvage needs to be unfolded so that it lays flat on the roof beside your sedum matting, the next piece of Enviromat should be laid on top of the flap for anchorage.

7. Start at one end of the roof and work backwards – so that you avoid walking or kneeling on the plants. If you are using a pebble border, put the stones down as you go along.

8. Don’t worry if the sedum plants look a bit squashed when they’re first installed, they’ll soon perk up.

9. Water thoroughly and feed if necessary—**See page 15 for aftercare advice**
**Enviromat – Installation**

**Instructions for a Pitched Roof**

**FOR BEST RESULTS** Do not install Enviromat on to a roof pitch greater than 20 degrees.

1. Follow steps 1-3 for a installing a flat green roof. You will not need to install drainage mat.

2. Lay the fleecy water retention matting. Make sure the edges butt up close together and be certain that the fabric is perfectly smooth with no wrinkles or air pockets beneath it. On a roof with an apex, it’s worth putting an extra layer of water retention along the apex and for approximately 50cm either side of it to help store water near the top of the roof.

3. Lay your Enviromat on top of the water retention matting. Each piece of Enviromat has an extra flap of geotextile backing fabric tucked underneath it. When you lay your Enviromat, this selvage needs to be unfolded so that it lays flat on the roof beside your sedum matting; the next piece of Enviromat should be laid on top of the flap for anchorage.

4. Now follow steps 7 and 8 for a flat green roof.

5. If you are installing your roof between 1st March and 30th June, apply Nutrifusion sedum feed at a rate of 30g/m². Carefully follow the directions on the tub and be careful not to overdose the roof. If you are installing at any other time of year, there is no need to apply Nutrifusion until the spring. Nutrifusion MUST be watered in as soon as it is applied.

6. **Water thoroughly, no matter what the weather is doing.**

7. In dry weather, please water your green roof twice a week for the first month (or until there is a decent rainfall) to get the plants well established.

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**Note:** Before ordering materials, please make sure that the roof is suitable for green roofing. The roof should be sound and watertight. To be able to support a sedum roof the building must be able to bear a weight of up to 120kg per square metre. If you are unsure, ask a local builder, architect or surveyor for advice. Sedums need to be in full sun for at least 4 hours a day. Roof must be well drained with no water pipes or guttering discharging onto it.
For best results, avoid installing Enviromat directly on to soil... our build up is engineered to allow sedum plants to thrive whilst ensuring that weeds struggle to survive.

1. **Remove all debris and big stones, compact the surface so that it’s nice and firm and ensure that the levels are even and the area is well drained.** If some areas are prone to “puddling”, apply a layer of sand then level and compact it.

2. **Lay a sheet of polyethylene or butyl pond liner on top of the soil;** this will stop perennial weeds pushing up from the soil below and it also helps to drought out any weeds that germinate amongst the sedum plants.

3. **Install raised edging.** This needs to be at least 7cm deep. Edging MUST allow excess water to drain away.

4. **For a flat area, lay drainage mat across the area.** Trim to fit as necessary. This layer is not needed on slopes greater than three degrees. NB. We do not advise installing Enviromat on to slopes greater than 20 degrees.

5. **Install a layer of water retention matting:** at 90 degrees to the drainage mat (if used)

6. **Lay sedum matting:** folded beneath each piece of Enviromat sedum matting is an extra flap of geotextile backing. When you lay your Enviromat, this flap needs to be unfolded and laid flat beside the sedum matting…..the next piece of matting will be laid on top of the flap for extra anchorage.

7. **Water:** Water the plants well to help them settle in. If you are installing between 1st March and 30th June, you should also apply Nutrifusion sedum feed at a rate of 30g per square metre.

**Note:** Ideally, your Enviromat will arrive when most of the preparation work has been done so that it can be installed on the same day as delivery.

If there is a delay between delivery and installation, Enviromat must be unrolled and watered so that the plants see daylight, otherwise the sedum plants will die.
Enviromat – Installation on to a soil-less surface (eg. concrete, asphalt)

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Enviromat on the ground is highly recommended when creating sustainable green areas in places where access for maintenance is difficult, such as central reservations, traffic islands, roundabouts and banking.

Enviromat sedum matting is made up of 3 layers: A carrier fleece with nylon loops for added strength, a 2.5cm layer of growing medium and a vegetative layer consisting of a random mix of low-growing sedum species.

Properly installed, Enviromat sedum matting has good tolerance for road salt and traffic fumes and needs very little maintenance. We recommend an annual application of slow-release fertiliser and a 6 monthly inspection. The method of installation outlined in this catalogue makes it very difficult for all but the most determined weeds to take hold and these will be easily removed by hand during inspections. It also suggests using wire mesh to minimise vandalism.

Enviromat creates a haven for wildlife yet is low growing—does not trap rubbish or debris—and even though it flowers for several months of the year, it needs no mowing, trimming, deadheading, spraying or pruning. An ideal way to keep standards high and costs low.
Enviromat – Installation Service

For customers who would like a sedum roof on a shed, summerhouse, garden office but are not confident about installing it themselves, Q Lawns offer an Enviromat installation service.

The service is available anywhere in the UK, provided that the building is fully waterproofed and suitable for the Enviromat green roof build-up.

Typically our customers are householders, garden designers and landscape professionals who are looking for a knowledgeable and trustworthy service provider to help them complete their project.

Enviromat green roof installers are CRB checked and have completed a full range of training courses to ensure that they are competent in all aspects of working at heights.

To discuss your needs and organise a no-obligation quotation, please contact the Q Lawns office on 01842 828266 or email sales@qlawns.co.uk

Note: Installing a living roof onto a domestic or commercial green roof over 50m² in area requires specialist design knowledge and additional components. Q Lawns are not in the position to advise on this type of roof construction or supply specialist components.

For green roof construction we recommend that you take advice from green roof specialists Bauder Ltd.

Telephone 01473 257671 or visit www.bauder.co.uk
Enviromat – Caring for your Sedum

Enviromat Sedum Matting is incredibly low maintenance. It needs no mowing, no deadheading, no pruning and, properly installed, very little weeding and watering. BUT, to get the best results from your Enviromat, there are a few very simple steps to follow:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION…

1. Check that all the edges are secure and protected against wind uplift.
2. On a large roof, you may need to replace small areas of growing medium that have been disturbed during installation. Use the material provided.
3. Apply Nutrifusion Spring/Summer Lawn and Sedum feed at 30g/m².
4. Give your Enviromat a thorough soaking with water. Keep watering 2—3 times a week for the first few weeks after installation, especially crucial in dry weather.

IN DRY WEATHER

Sedum plants are very drought tolerant but during long periods of drought it is wise to check for signs of severe stress—especially on sloping roofs. Don't worry if plants look small and hard (like beads) or if the leaves turn red—this is the plants' normal defence against drought. If however the leaves appear wrinkled and rubbery (like a deflated balloon), then the plants will benefit from a really good soaking with water. Always irrigate in the evening to avoid losing water through evaporation.

AUTUMN/WINTER MAINTENANCE

Dead leaves and debris on top of your Enviromat will suffocate the plants and leave bald patches.
- Remove dead leaves in late autumn to help the plants survive the winter.
- On a roof, check drainage outlets are clear and matting is secure.
- Don’t worry if the leaves turn red in winter this is perfectly normal.

SPRING MAINTENANCE

Make sure your sedum plants are all set for a summer of flowering by ensuring they have all the light and food they need for the growing season.
- Clear any debris from the surface of Enviromat and weed out any rogue tree seedlings.
- Make sure your Enviromat is securely in place so that geotextile layer has contact with the surface below at all times.
- On a roof, ensure all drainage outlets are clear.
- Apply Nutrifusion Spring and Summer Lawn and Sedum Feed at the rate of 30g Nutrifusion per square metre of Enviromat.
Enviromat – Associated Products

**PLANTEK WEED CONTROL FABRIC**
Acts as a weed barrier when laying Enviromat on the ground.

**POLYTHENE**
Place on roof before laying Enviromat.

**DRAINAGE MAT**
For use when laying Enviromat on a flat roof.

**WATER RETENTION MAT**
For use on flat and sloping roofs to retain moisture.

**FRESH SEDUM CUTTINGS**
For repairing bare patches simply and quickly. Please note that availability is seasonal.

**NUTRIFUSION FEED**
Apply to Enviromat to keep it healthy and in good condition.
What Makes Us Turf Industry Leaders?

LET’S START WITH THE SOIL…

Both Turfland and Q Lawns grow turf on free draining grade 1 soils ranging from mineral sands to rich, dark organic loams. Only 2.5% of UK soils are classed grade 1. Our fields are surrounded by a network of dykes providing virtually unlimited irrigation enabling us to supply healthy green turf even during the driest months of the year. A heavy investment in sophisticated drainage systems beneath the turf allows harvesting during the wettest months.

Then add the very best seed…

Our seed mixtures contain the very best, top rated cultivars available—as tested and recommended by the Sports Turf Research Institute. Over the years we have continued to research and adapt to provide the most well balanced blends to suit both professional and domestic requirements.

NUTURE IT…

The turf is maintained by a team of experts, using proven techniques, the very latest sophisticated equipment and half a century of experience. The result is a range of superior quality turf to meet any need.

...and then harvest it with revolutionary techniques

With its floating cutter head and auto steering it guarantees uniform length, width and thickness of cut. The exclusive Trebro roll up system is easy on the turf and produces consistent tight rolls. On the go flap adjustment keeps the rolls in a perfect position for easy handling and neat and stable stacks.

The accumulator scrap dump offers on the go quality control allowing disposal of any bad rolls.

The turf is stacked with a small gap between each roll which allows air circulation within the stack thereby giving a longer shelf life. Due to the 24” wide by 64.5” long configuration there are less joins (consequently less shrinkage if inadvertently left to dry out. The Trebro harvests much quicker which means during hot weather the harvesting can be done in the early hours of the day when the ground is cooler providing fresher turf to our customers.

Trebro turf harvester.
QUALITY CONTROL…
Our quality control teams do everything possible to ensure that customers are delighted with their turf. We use only the best possible seed in our production process; keep a close eye on the turf as it grows and harvest strictly to order. Turf is inspected before during and after harvesting by experienced production staff, harvester operators and despatch managers. Our aim is to deliver turf within 24 hours of it being lifted from the ground so that is as fresh as possible for our customers. Our turf complies with the TGA standards.

DELIVERY…
Turfland operate a modern fleet of curtain-sided trucks are each fitted with a ride on forklift which can deliver turf on-site in most conditions. All drivers are fully trained in customer service and hold the appropriate forklift operating certificates in compliance with on-site health and safety regulations. The trucks are fitted with satellite tracking so when you call the dispatch office you will be informed accurately as to when to expect the arrival of your turf. Q Lawns are proud to announce that Spring 2013 sees the arrival of their own fleet of trucks equipped with Moffett forklifts.

COLLECTION…
If you prefer you can collect turf from the nurseries at Southport, Lancashire, Lymm, Cheshire, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Thetford in Norfolk or from one of the many garden centres that we supply.

TURF RANGE…
Our product range is concise – and with good reason. Turf requirements vary widely in their application, i.e. football, cricket, golf fairways, greens and tees, ornamental lawns, utility lawns, amenity areas etc. However, when put it into perspective, grass surface requirements fall into two distinct categories; hardwearing or fine – with a few variations on the theme.

We have three grades that we supply: Greens turf which is suitable for golf greens and bowling greens, Prestige landscape turf for quality landscaping, golf tees, tennis courts and general sports and an Amenity mix which is a general landscape grade. We can supply specifications for this on request.
Part 1: **Turf doesn’t cost the earth…**

**Some facts about turf grass benefits to our environment**

Turf is a groundcover composed of close cut, thickly growing, intertwining stems and leaves of grass plants. A key part of turf grasses is that they are mowed; the fact that turf can withstand close mowing and still provide a functional, dense and healthy groundcover is what sets it apart from other plants.

Turf plays a role in the natural environment. Turf grasses, like all plants, capture atmospheric carbon dioxide and use it via photosynthesis to create useable energy. With increasing levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide associated with the greenhouse effect and global warming turf grasses serve as a source of carbon storage or sequestration. An average sized healthy lawn is a carbon sequestering system that can capture as much as 135kg of carbon per year, playing fields around 320kg and a golf fairway can capture up to 680kg. A practical example is that one football field can offset the carbon produced by a car driving 3000 miles. The healthier and well maintained the turf area the more carbon it can store.

Turf also plays an important role in soil erosion by holding soil in place. The fibrous root system forms a natural net that reduces dust and stabilises soil on both flat and sloping areas.

*An average healthy lawn can capture 135kg of carbon per year.*

*The grass roots act like net stabilising soils on both flat and sloping areas.*
**Greens Turf**

**DETAILS**

Greens turf is suitable only for golf and bowling greens and luxury lawns as it requires regular skilled maintenance.

This fine textured turf is grown on natural sands that are very close to USGA specification. It has a dense, close-mown sward to provide the perfect putting surface.

**TYPICAL SEED COMPOSITION**

Seed blend
- 40% Slender Creeping Red Fescue
- 40% Chewings Fescue
- 20% Browntop Bent

**S.T.R.I Cultivar Profile**

Note: All cultivars included in our blend are top rated in all STRI Close Mown Tables:

**Slender creeping red fescue**: we have included one of the best slender cultivars providing the best shoot density scoring 7.7 and one of the most disease resistant. Able to recover from wear performing superbly throughout the whole year. One of the top rated cultivars in the UK for golf and bowling greens.

**Chewings fescue**: Selected to provide superior shoot density scoring 8.2 and top for visual merit. One of the most disease resistant cultivars on the lists. Proven to be fine-leafed with excellent drought tolerance. Again one of the top rated cultivars in the UK for golf and bowling greens.

**Browntop bent**: The best shoot density of all the Browntop Bents leaving a full dense sward whilst maintaining a very fine leaf. Excellent summer and winter colour. A proven first-class greens cultivar.

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**More facts about turf grass benefits to our environment**

Healthy turf has the ability to absorb, conserve and filter water and prevent run off which is why turf is used on slopes, road verges and around car parks.

Turf areas like golf courses and parks also benefit wildlife. The natural state of these landscapes coupled with the addition of trees, ponds, lakes and wetlands support a diverse population of birds, animals and plants.

Turf grasses cool the atmosphere. On summer days the temperature can be 6°C greater in an urban area compared to the surrounding area. A 50 square metre lawn contains 9,000,000 plant shoots while an average golf green contains 72,000,000 shoots. Each of these plants is capable of a cooling effect called transpiration. Transpiration helps reduce temperatures in the urban environment by dissipating high levels of radiation. Turf is considerably cooler than other common surfaces e.g. 6°C cooler than bare dirt and 12°C cooler than synthetic turf.

In addition to environmental benefits turf is used extensively for recreation and sport. Lawns and other recreational areas are places where adults, kids and pets can spend time outside of the home. Turf is a place to relax and entertain friends which contributes to the quality of lives.
Prestige Landscape Turf

DETAILS

Our Sports turf (name) is suitable for most sports applications including golf tees, cricket squares, tennis courts, football and rugby pitches and high quality landscaping.

TYPICAL SEED COMPOSITION

**Seed blend**
- 30% Perennial Ryegrass
- 30% Slender Creeping Red Fescue
- 25% Slender Creeping Red Fescue
- 15% Smooth Stalked Meadow grass

**S.T.R.I Cultivar Profile**

Note: All four cultivars feature within the top three most highly rated in the STRI tables.

**Perennial ryegrass:** We choose our ryegrass cultivar based on specific features to provide a wide range of uses, these include: Good shoot density, fineness of leaf, excellent disease resistance, year round colour and durability.

**Slender creeping red fescue:** We choose to use two cultivars of slender creeping red fescue, each one offers their own contributory beneficial features to the mix. It is a fact that slender creeping red fescues have better resistance to disease than chewings fescues and green up faster in the spring. Slender creeping red fescues are more drought tolerant and maintain colour and growth better in the autumn and early winter. Along with the super fine rye we use they will tolerate close mowing and provide a dense sward at all heights of cut.

**Smooth stalked meadow grass:** The established smooth stalk in our turf is equal in durability to the perennial rye and have excellent tolerance to close mowing. The rhizomes provide excellent recovery from wear and offer drought tolerance. Also offer shade tolerance and winter greenness.

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Turfgrass Growers Association’s 10 tips for watering a newly laid lawn

Newly laid turf needs water to survive. Very often this requirement will be met by rainfall, but during dry spells you will need to keep it damp for the first 28 days by watering.

1. When you prepare the ground for turfing, consider incorporating a soil conditioner to increase the soil’s ability to retain moisture.

2. Plan ahead to prevent the turf drying out.

3. Don’t have more turf delivered in a day than you can lay.

4. Finish your ground preparation well in advance of the turf delivery so you can start laying it as soon as it has arrived. The quicker it is laid, the less likely it is to dry out.

5. When your turf is delivered, stack it in a shady place.

6. Dampen the ground immediately before laying.

7. Tamp the turf lightly as you lay it to ensure good contact with the soil underneath.

8. When you have finished turfing, water it straight away, ensuring that the soil is damp to depth of 100mm. Thereafter, aim to keep the turf, and the soil underneath it, damp. You can check this by turning up a corner of the turf. Care should be taken not to flood or over-water the lawn.

9. In the following days, only water in the early morning or early evening, so the sun doesn’t burn off the water you’ve applied.

10. It’s important not to over-water your turf at any stage. This creates boggy conditions which encourages the development of moss and grass diseases. It is not always necessary to water if it has rained – check first to see if the soil is moist.

11. Water less and less frequently over the next 28 days. The turf should never be allowed to dry out and go brown in this period.

After 28 days, your turf should be well established and will be able to fend for itself without the need for further watering.
General Amenity Turf

DETAILS
Our well established amenity mix (name) is popular with landscapers. It offers a hardwearing, low maintenance turf suitable for general landscaping, domestic lawns, public open spaces, golf fairways, air fields, parks and cemeteries.

TYPICAL SEED COMPOSITION
Seed blend
- 35% Perennial Ryegrass
- 35% Slender Creeping Red Fescue
- 30% Slender Creeping Red Fescue

S.T.R.I Cultivar Profile
Note: The three cultivars feature within the top three most highly rated in the STRI tables.

Perennial ryegrass: The ryegrass in our amenity mix provides a tough, hardwearing surface. A low maintenance requirement makes it ideal for nearly all general landscaping applications.

Slender creeping red fescue: The inclusion of two varieties of slender creeping red fescue give the mix a dense healthy sward.

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Our Turf Farms and the Environment

We pride ourselves in being custodians of ecology and the environment. We take great care of all the land we farm and implement a unique Wildlife Conservation Policy.

Special high flotation tyres are fitted to all our tractors and equipment to avoid soil compaction. We employ soil conservation techniques and adopt judicial use of fertilisers and chemicals so as not to adversely affect the environment.

We observe the guidelines for ‘field margins’ laid down by DEFRA. A field margin is a strip of land lying between the crop and filed boundary. The filed margins can be managed to create ideal conditions that benefit many key farmland species. These include the brown hare, water voles, barn owls, corn buntings and many more.

Existing hedgerows have been nurtured and never cut until young birds have fledged. Bird and butterfly gardens have been planted to provide food and habitat for pollinators. Ponds are monitored to ensure they are in good order.

Our turf maintenance team are alert to the presence of nesting hares and lapwings and often small islands of long grass are visible on our fields where nests of lapwing egg or young leverets have been discovered.

Our coastal turf growing areas in both Lancashire and Norfolk provide grazing for thousands of migrating geese and swans which make for a spectacular site in the winter months.
**Preparation of Site for Turfing**

It is important to spend time on the preparation as you can’t go back to it once the turf has been established. Taking time at this stage can save hours to weeks of work in renovation at a later date. Make sure that the site is well drained and that the soil is good quality.

1. Always dig over or rotovate the area to be turfed. If the top soil is not the best quality, or of insufficient volume source a good supplier and add to existing. We are able to provide loose or bulk loads of high quality screened soil if required. It is best to use screened loam as there will be no stones or clods which will make the raking out much easier.

2. Slight undulations are not really a problem providing they are gradual and allow for smooth passage of the mower. A ‘bumpy’ foundation will cause scalping by the mower and the effect is not only unsightly, it can cause stress to the plants that have been scalped.

3. It is important that the prepared site is free from weeds, seeds, stones, clods or any other debris. Hard, lumpy objects can prevent simultaneous rooting and it is most important that the grass takes evenly, as stressed plants can be overtaken by weeds or weed grasses or even die completely if deprived of contact with the base soil.

4. Once a smooth, consolidated surface has been achieved to the desired contours, we would highly recommend application of a pre-turf fertiliser which we are able to supply. It adds a very small cost but provides essential nutrients to encourage rapid and healthy root establishment, especially important if the nutrient levels of the soil on site is unknown.

5. Once the site is ready place your order. Arrange for the turf to arrive on the day you intend to lay it. Turf is perishable especially when grown on nutrient rich loams as is our turf. Rolled up turf acts like a blanket, it traps the heat which is created by micro-organisms in the soil. The rolled up turf cannot cool itself because there is no oxygen and the heat cannot escape very fast. The turf becomes hot causing it to turn yellow, if the heating continues the turf will go black, mould will appear and eventually the turf will die.
Laying Turf

Each load of turf is harvested to order and should be laid on the day it arrives. You will require a rake, scaffold planks, a sharp knife and an edging iron.

1. Place the rolls of turf in convenient positions for laying. Using your rake, break the surface of the soil to form a tilth, pulling the rake towards you. Position your first row of turves, making sure that the ends are butted up very close together. Use your sharp knife to shape the ends and conserve off cuts for patching in.

2. When the first row is laid, place the scaffold plank on top. This will do three jobs:
   (i) Act as a straight edge for your next row.
   (ii) Avoid indentations made by walking on the newly laid turf.
   (iii) Evenly distribute the compression weight for good soil to turf contact.

4. Rake the next area to receive turf, using the same pressure and direction on the rake. When starting the next row, start half a turf in to stagger the joints to prevent long gaps if shrinking occurs. When the line is complete, move the planks on to it and carry on in this way until the lawn is complete.

5. Start watering in as soon as possible, preferably within an hour of laying. In dry conditions, water morning and evening until well rooted and thereafter as grass indicates requirements.
Turf - Associated Products

- Topsoil—loose and bagged
- Lawn Edging
- Pre-turfing fertiliser
- Landscape Rakes
- Hamelin Wheelbarrows
- Turf laying planks
- Grass Seed
- Disease Control
- Lawn Grub Killer
- Water retaining crystals
- Grass seed
EcoGreen – Reinforced Turf

ECOGREEN is a system of interlocking grass squares 1m x 1m, which can be simply assembled on site to form a reinforced grass surface ideal for stabilising steep banking, driveways, car parks, festival parking, marquees, pathways that need to be tough enough to cope with heavy traffic. Water drains through reducing flood water run-off.

- Immediate natural appearance
- High load capacity of up to 350t/m²
- Patented safety locking system
- Offers surface reinforcement with natural drainage
- Non-slip and crack proof
- Environmentally friendly
- Resistant to frost and UV
- Easy to fit to borders or cut to shape
- Provides good drainage

ECOGREEN is quick and easy to lay without machinery. The grids are delivered in 1m x 1m sections and can be taken straight off the pallet and laid.

For a long lasting healthy green area measures like fertilising and watering are essential.
**EcoGreen – Installation Instructions**

**EXAMPLE CARPARK WITH ECOGREEN**

**PREPARATION OF SITE**

1. **Natural Soil**
   - Create an approximate 1—1.5% gradient

2. **Drainage Layer**
   - Apply a layer of broken stone/gravel particle size 5/32 mm or similar and compact

3. **Intermediate layer**
   - Add a layer of 30% humus and 70% gravel (5/32 mm or similar) to a depth of about 20cm.

4. **Levelling course**
   - Apply about 4cm depth of fertile sandy loam soil (we can supply this) and roll and level.
   - Irrigate the surface before installing ECOGREEN.

5. **Install ECOGREEN.**

**INSTALLING**

To lay the grids, start in one corner of the area. The lugs of the first row must point in the direction you are working in. The subsequent rows are then pressing into the lugs of the laid surface.

**DISCONNECTING**

The preconnected sheets can be taken apart if necessary. Lay the sheet you wish to take apart on another sheet and using your foot, press the tiles you want to remove down and out of the safety locking system.

**FITTING—CUTTING TO SIZE**

For quick clean cutting the following tools have proved most effective in practice:
- Circular saw,
- Power saw (chainsaw),
- Flex (cutting disk),
- Compass saw.
EcoGreen – Associated Products

- Loamy Sand Screened topsoil
- Pre-turfing fertiliser
- Ecogreen metal ground spikes
  (required when using Ecogreen for banking)
- Recessed manhole cover with grass or sedum
Top Soil and Bark Products

LOOSE SANDY LOAM SOIL
The topsoil is a highly fertile and organic-rich material, compliant to BS 3882:2007 standards, requiring no additional fertiliser for the first season. The topsoil manufacturing process means the product is of consistent quality and is available all year round.

The topsoil is perfect for landscaping and construction projects that are focused on their own green credentials. The high fertility status of the topsoil means it is ideal for projects that require quick plant establishment and quality finish.

BAGGED SANDY LOAM
Description as above, bagged in cubic metre bags.

LOW FERTILITY SOIL
Low fertility soil is sold loose or in cubic metre bulk bags. Complies to BS3882:2007, loamy and light in texture, low fertility. Free from rhizomes of pernicious weeds with a typical PH of 6.9 making it suitable for establishment of species-rich wildflower grassland.

BAGGED ORGANIC LOAM
Our own rich, dark organic loam. Classified by DEFRA as a grade 1 soil, only 2.5% of UK soils are classified as grade 1. Screened and supplied in cubic metre bags. Easy to rake out and the ideal PH for rapid establishment of newly laid turf.

MIXED CONIFER BARK
15-65mm particle size
A mixed conifer mulch with the addition of pine nuggets.
A colourful, attractive, chunky mulch for prestigious areas.
Supplied in cubic metre bags. 1 bag will cover a 20 square metre area at the recommended depth of 2”.

AGGREGATE SOIL MIX
For use when installing Enviromat onto a flat, sealed surface such as concrete or asphalt. gt4 is a blend of lightweight aggregate and topsoil. It is light in texture and has good water holding capacity meaning it is an ideal substrate for use when installing Enviromat Sedum Mat on the ground.

PLAY GRADE BARK
Play Grade Bark. 40-60mm pine nuggets. Decorative, substantial and very durable. Top of the range pine play bark, ideal for prestigious play areas and decorative landscaping. Bagged in 70 litre sacks each bag covers 1.4 square metres at the recommended depth of 2”.

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Turfland – From humble beginnings

Many years ago, a Sussex lorry driver and a part-time nurse realised the potential for “instant lawns”. That lorry driver was Chris Watmore, the nurse was his wife, Janet. Together they formed a new company known as “Sussex Turf Suppliers”, based in Hailsham, East Sussex.

When they started up Sussex Turf Suppliers the only turf available to buy in the UK was ‘sheep grazed pasture’ which had the precarious grading system of ‘weedy’ or ‘not quite so weedy’. The turf was cut using a Ryan walk behind turf cutter which cut 3ft by 1ft strips. The machine left the turf cut on the ground and every turf had to be flapped and stacked and loaded onto the truck by hand.

To succeed, they knew they had to be better than the rest. So in 1965, they took eight acres of prime land, improved it, sowed the very best seed, applied a weed treatment, fertilised it and mowed the new turf regularly prior to sale. The result was a high quality turf the like of which had never been seen in the UK before. Cultivated turf was born in the U.K.

The company went from strength to strength, and in 1979 the search for even better pastures led to the North West of England and some of the most fertile land in the country, perfect for the purpose of producing top quality turf. The company was renamed and the Turfland brand was born.

In January 2010 Turfland was purchased by Harrowden Farms Ltd who already own another reputable turf business known as Q Lawns based in Norfolk. The responsibility for the day to day management of Turfland remains in the hands of the original owners’ daughter and son in law Angela and David Mackay.

Q Lawns – Diversify and grow

Q Lawns is part of a large food production farm in Norfolk and sprang into life 20 years ago at a time when agriculture was going through difficult times and farmers were being encouraged to diversify into new crops and enterprises.

The farm began life in 1949 when previously waterlogged land was drained by the War Ags and brought into production. In the 1980’s, as well as growing cereals, potatoes and sugar beet, the farm boasted 3 dairy farms and a pig unit. Towards the end of that decade, livestock farming became unprofitable and the decision was made to diversify from pigs and dairy into turf production.

Colin Brown our far sighted Farm Director has been instrumental in re-structuring the business moving from traditional based vegetable and livestock enterprises to one which has embraced new and inspirational products such as turf, hemp, Enviromat sedum matting and Meadow mat wild flower turf.

A change in land use meant a career change for several staff. Many regular landscapers and lorry drivers who have visited Q Lawns over the years may remember Brian Walker and Martin Touchin working on the turf harvesting field, both of these fellows worked in the dairy, Martin has retired now, but Brian is still the harvesting and dispatch manager. He has been with the company for over 25 years.

Another recycled livestock manager is Chris Carr. Previously the producer of prize-winning pigs, Chris is now sales and marketing manager and became chairman of BALI in 2012.

Q Lawns have never been stick-in-the-muds when it comes to new products. As well as the turf in more recent years Q Lawns have introduced Enviromat Sedum Matting and MeadowMat wild flower turf to the range.
**Customer Charter**

“In pursuit of excellence”... With a combined 70 years’ experience we are knowledgeable and passionate about growing high quality turf, Enviromat sedum mats and MeadowMat wild flower turf. We have adopted the latest technological advances to grow the very best crops possible on our 2000 acres of grade 1 land. Our pleasure is your satisfaction with the product and service you receive.

Although it is impossible to 100% guaranteed that problems will never be encountered, we hope to demonstrate that we have the ability and the commitment to work with you to ensure you are provided with the very best quality and service that is within our ability to provide.

With this in mind Turfland and Q Lawns have come together and have adopted this voluntary Customer Charter to do our utmost to deliver on our promise.

You can rest assured that we have the necessary skills and experience to grow and nurture Turf, Enviromat sedum matting and MeadowMat wild flower turf to meet your requirements. We adopt the Turf Grass Growers Association standards for our turf. Due to their uniqueness there are no national qualities standards for Enviromat Sedum Matting or MeadowMat wild flower turf so we have developed our own, strict standards of quality control to ensure you receive the best quality products that it is possible for us to produce.

We endeavor to continuously seek improvement in all aspects of our business. Our voluntary Charter requires us to aspire to the following:

- Grow our crops using the very best seed varieties available adopting the latest technological advances.
- Ensure a cheerful, courteous and efficient response from our trained and knowledgeable staff to all customer enquiries.
- Setting real and achievable targets for service delivery which will meet the changing expectations of our customers.
- Communicate information to customers and colleagues and not to make promises that can’t be kept.
- Do our best to ensure our customers have no reason to complain but ensure customers get ‘5 star’ treatment should they feel the need to do so. All complaints will be dealt with promptly, fairly and impartially.
- We will regularly survey our customers on the quality of the services we provide.
- Commit to the ongoing training and development of our staff.

In return, we ask that you, the customer:

- At the time of ordering, let us know if there are likely to be any difficulties accessing the delivery site with an articulated lorry.
- Providing a name and telephone number for an onsite contact and ensuring that somebody will be on site to receive delivery.
- Inspect your goods on delivery and sign our delivery note to indicate satisfaction.
- Be sure to install or unroll all of your fresh turf, Enviromat or MeadowMat within 8 hours of delivery.
- Report any problems to us within 24 hours of delivery, stating the delivery note reference number and including photographs if possible.
- Be sure to water newly installed Turf, Enviromat or MeadowMat immediately after installation and follow our recommendations for your products long-term aftercare.
- Ensure pallets are returned or paid for.
- Ensure payments are made within the deadlines agreed in the terms of your account.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

We seek to continually improve our environmental performance and reduce any adverse impacts on the environment whilst complying fully with all statutory regulations. We will minimize any disturbance to the local environment and to the quality of life of the local communities within which the company operates.
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