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Lawn & Landscape Management



Great lawns are a distinctive feature of British gardens and there are four grasses key to lawn seed mixtures.

- Dwarf ryegrass: fast to establish, tough and durable. Shallow rooting so best avoided on light, dry soils.
- Red fescue: beautiful fine leaved grasses, in two varieties, slender red fescue, which creeps when growing and chewings fescue which is noncreeping but just as attractive.
- Smooth meadowgrass: fresh green in colour, tolerant to drought and slow growing. Has a creeping habit and tolerates shade.
- Bentgrass, or 'golf green' grass: tolerates close mowing down to 5 mm. Fine leaved, slow to start and delicate when young. Seldom used on its own.

There are some simple steps to getting a great lawn:

1. Control weeds and remove any large stones.
2. Prepare a seedbed with a tractor or by hand.
3. Then roll to consolidate and level.
4. Rake or harrow to create a tilth.
5. Spread seed by hand or machine.
6. Harrow or rake, then roll again to press the seed into the soil.
7. If warm and damp, germination occurs after just a few days. Longer if cold or dry.
8. Allow to grow to 2 or 3 inches before first mowing (just the top half inch) in dry weather. Then gradually reduce the mowing height.

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