

REAL TURF vs **SYNTHETIC TURF**

Synthetic lawns may have their place but they are most suited to places where a real, natural lawn won't thrive, such as indoors, verandahs, patios and underneath shade covers.

There are many considerations when choosing whether a real or synthetic lawn to the right one for you:



The Look

It's true that a natural lawn may at times not look as lush and green as an artificial lawn but with a real lawn such as Sir Walter soft leaf buffalo you can have a natural lawn which maintains its green colour throughout the year.

Artificial lawns have come a long way over the years and now have a much better and more realistic look to them but still maintain an unnatural shine to them.

The Feel

Both types of lawn can provide a lawn that is soft and comfortable however it comes down to the fact that one is made of plastic and the other is natural and it is up to you which of these you prefer.

The major difference in the feel will become apparent during the warmer months when a synthetic lawn will heat up, possibly to the point that it is inadvisable that small children and pets be allowed to play on it while real lawn will remain around 15 degrees cooler than bitumen.

Maintenance

A synthetic lawn may seem to maintenance free but that is not true. This type of lawn will require ongoing maintenance in the form of brushing, cleaning (particularly if you have pets and small children) and refilling twice a year to keep the grass blades standing up straight.

A real lawn will require ongoing mowing, weed control, pest control, fertilising, aerating and watering.

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Environment

An artificial lawn will not act as a filter to prevent pollutants getting into waterways, will not work as a natural fire break around your home nor absorb carbon and produce oxygen as a natural lawn will.

Real lawns will require the use of chemicals for pest and weed control and fertilises and the run off will need to be controlled to ensure the chemicals do not reach the waterways.

While a real lawn will act as a natural air conditioner, reducing the temperature of your home during the Australian summer, a synthetic lawn will do the exact opposite. A synthetic lawn will heat up quite dramatically and in turn your home and surrounding areas.

Cost

Initially the difference in cost is quite staggering. Synthetic lawn can cost between \$75 and \$100 per square metre while natural lawn is significantly lower at around \$10 per square metre, however the ongoing costs of an artificial lawn are minimal while natural lawns will incur costs such as mowing, watering and fertilising.

Natural turf can also be laid DIY relatively easily in therefore save you money on installation whereas artificial lawn can be extremely difficult to lay and getting the joining correct leading to many people requiring professional installation and the cost of that service.

Other Considerations

Synthetic lawns can be a great option for those suffering allergies and won't attract bees and other insects however this may affect the rest of the plants in the ecosystem which is your backyard.

Artificial lawn can be installed where a traditional lawn may struggle although if you choose the right variety of lawn such as Sir Walter you can have a lawn that can be grown in almost any type of climate and is even shade tolerant.

If you decide upon a synthetic lawn then we recommend the Lady Jane synthetic grass; it has a high pile height, is dense and made from top quality materials. If a natural lawn is for you then Sir Walter soft leaf buffalo turf is the best choice, suitable for all climates there is a reason that it is Australia's number one lawn.



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