



GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

LAWNS

A lawn can be a great place to spread out and relax on a sunny day. Your lawn does not need to be large to make it usable. It gives you a great place to assemble things, to play games and many other activities or to put a nice garden seat.

You should design your lawn to complement and help frame your garden.

WHICH TYPE OF LAWN SHOULD I CHOOSE?

There are essentially two different lawn types:

Summer grasses

The best summer grasses are couch or kikuyu. These varieties have runners which spread making them quite invasive to garden beds, so it is best to keep them out with a hard garden edge.

Winter grasses

The best winter grasses are fescues because they continue to grow during the cooler months. Fescues are fine grasses which produce one blade per seed, meaning you will need to re-seed any dead or barren patches.

HOW CAN I CONTROL WEEDS IN MY LAWN?

Whichever lawn type you choose, there are selective herbicides available to control most weeds.

If you prefer to not use chemicals, you should weed your lawn thoroughly in autumn to keep weeds under control.

HOW CAN I KEEP MY LAWN LOOKING GOOD?

As the weather warms up in spring and your soil temperature increases, you can apply a high nitrogen fertiliser to help maintain a vigorous green lawn.



TICKNER'S TIP

Michael Tickner, Adv Cert Hort (read Michael's profile at www.chw.net.au)

"If you have always wanted your own putting green, choose Bent grass for your lawn. But remember, this is a high maintenance lawn variety."

If you have any questions about your lawn, ask your nursery professional for advice.

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