



Lawnporn's Couch/Kikuyu Renovation Guide

**Should be completed during the growing season with adequate time for recovery before end of growing season.

Pre-Work – Remove all weeds (either using herbicide or pulling them out manually)

We suggest mowing just on a normal height setting and apply a quality slow release such as Lawnporn 4 Seasons approx. 2-3 weeks before you start. This helps to get your grass going and into a state that's its ready to grow. Apply Lawnporn Launch+ approx. 1 week before you plan on starting. (if you have used before then use at 100ml per 100 sqm otherwise if haven't used before start at approx. 60ml per 100 sqm and build up over a few applications to full strength). Let the launch absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

Week 1 –

Step 1. Make sure your grass is dry and hasn't been watered for a few days. If your lawn hasn't grown substantially since the pre work, drop your mower down a notch and mow like normal, and then in different direction (so if you normally mow North-South, then also mow East-West. If it has grown then mow again at normal height. *important that you avoid mowing more than 1/3 of the grass height at once. Do this a couple of times so that you can predominantly see brown areas on the turf or the 'thatch' layer

Step 2. Is to remove the thatch, this is best done with a dethatcher/scarifier machine that you can hire from most hire shops. Rake up all the thatch from the lawn and give it another mow, even drop it down another notch if you like. Now give it good water, approx. 30 mins this time.

Step 3. Final part for week 1 is to core the lawn. Best done using a coring machine, again hired from a shop. Do this when the grass is damp so that the corer can penetrate deeper into the grass and root profile. Rake up the cores and then mow again at the same height; this will pick up all the small bits of core and any remaining thatch.

** Water frequently 2-3 times a day for the first week for approx. 15-20 mins each time

Week 2 – You should start to see some green coming back through now.

Step 1. Apply Lawnporn Launch (if you have used before then use at 100ml per 100 sqm otherwise if haven't used before start at approx. 60ml per 100 sqm and build up over a few applications to full strength). Let the launch absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

Step 2. Apply a top dress. This can be done with a sand or a sandy loam mix depending on what you can get hold of, some shops also sell a top dress mix which has some organics in it, this too will be fine. Do a light layer over the higher spots taking care to go a little heavier in the lower spots so you even out the grass. You should be able to see green blades still after top dressing. Most people use a soil rake or a timber level to help get it nice and even. If you have clay type soils this is the ideal time to apply gypsum before top dressing.

** Water frequently 2 times a day for the second week for approx. 20-30 mins each time

Week 3 – You should be able to continue to see more green leaf through the top dress with fresh growth appearing.

Step 1. Apply a quality wetting agent, like Lawnporn Moist, this will help lock in the water into the root zone and be evenly distributed for better use by the turf, remember to water it in.

** Water frequently 2 times a day for the third week for approx. 20-30 mins each time

Week 4 –

Step1. Apply Lawnporn Launch (if you have used before then use at 100ml per 100 sqm otherwise if haven't used before start at approx. 80ml per 100 sqm and build up over a few applications to full strength). Let the launch absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

** water 1 time a day for the fourth week for approx. 30 mins each time

Week 5 –

Step1. Apply Lawnporn Root builder (if you have used before then use at 100ml per 100 sqm otherwise if haven't used before start at approx. 60ml per 100 sqm and build up over a few applications to full strength). Let the root builder absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

** water every second day for the fifth week for approx. 30 mins each time

Week 6 –

Step1. Apply Lawnporn Launch at a rate of 100ml per 100sqm. Let the launch absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

** water every second day for the fifth week for approx. 30 mins each time

Week 7- Your lawn should show substantial growth and be very green by now!

Step 1. Apply Lawnporn 4 seasons Slow release granular fertiliser per directions on label, remembering to water in well after applying.

** water 2-3 times per week for approx. 30-45 mins each time

Week 8 –

Step1. Apply Lawnporn Launch at a rate of 100ml per 100sqm. Let the launch absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

** water 2-3 times per week for approx. 30-45 mins each time

Week 9 –

Step 1. Apply a quality wetting agent, like Lawnporn Moist, this will help lock in the water into the root zone and be evenly distributed for better use by the turf, remember to water it in.

** water 2-3 times per week for approx. 30-45 mins each time

Week 10 –

Step1. Apply Lawnporn Root builder. Let the root builder absorb through the lawn without water for approx. 6-12 hours.

** water 2-3 times per week for approx. 30-45 mins each time

From here on you can work with your lawn and manage growth and the look of your lawn by alternating between Launch+ and Greenlight. Continue to apply Moist monthly to assist in water retention and even spread of moisture throughout the root system. You can mix root build and greenlight in the same tank to maintain a stunning deep green while also feeding the root system.

Get your Lawn On!!!