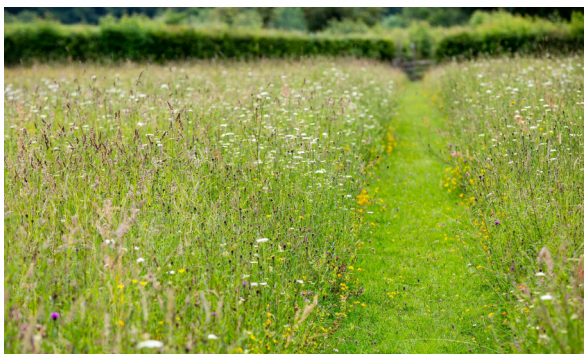


Wildlife Lawns

Allowing your lawn to grow & produce a sea of pollinating flowers is becoming more & more popular. As well as adding colour & height to your outdoor space, it also offers a home for lots of different insects, and seeds for birds, and not to mention pollen for bees & butterflies. Longer grass also provides shelter for animals such as frogs, newts and hedgehogs to forage.



Sculpting

The most important aspect to a wildlife lawn is letting your grass grow (especially over Summer), which means more time to enjoy your garden & less time mowing!

If you wanted to make an eye-catching feature out of your wildlife lawn mow it into a certain shape.

Encourage Pollinating Flowers

To get your wildlife lawn bursting with colourful blooms, you can sow low maintenance mini meadow seeds. They are brilliant for attracting bees & butterflies. Ideally sow in the Spring or Autumn to a weed free area.



Lawns & Dogs

Whilst dogs may be man's best friend, they are not always the lawns' best friend. Here are some tips to help your lawn flourish:

1. Longer Grass

By leaving your grass to grow slightly higher than usual it means deeper roots, and a hardier lawn for your dogs to roll & play until their hearts' content.

2. Patch Repair

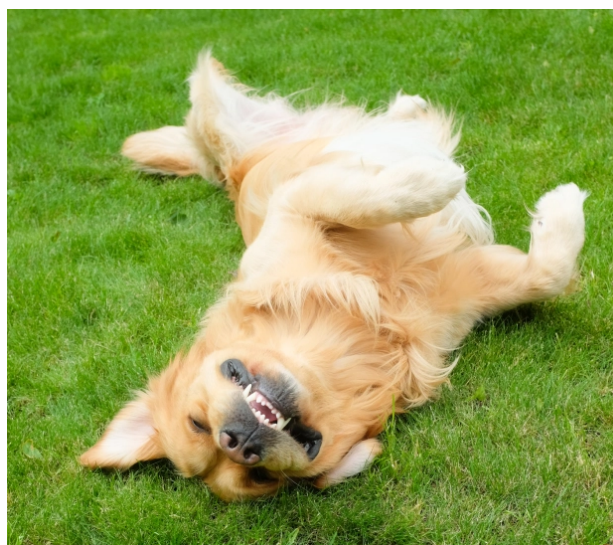
Look out for brown patches of grass, especially where your dog goes more often. You can repair these patches with a patch repair treatment, which helps renew grass in these areas.

3. Dog Waste

One of the main grass killers can be dog waste if you let it absorb into the soil. Always clear waste away immediately, and water any urinated spots after use.

4. Dog Friendly

When using any treatment on your grass it is important to make sure it is pet friendly. We have lots of pet friendly options available, and we are a dog friendly centre, so bring them in to meet us (there may even be a treat behind the till for them)!



Lawn Care

A basic how to guide...



The lawn is at the heart of every garden. Follow our helpful guide to achieve either a neatly maintained lawn, or a wildlife lawn (encouraging pollinating insects). maintained lawn.



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Lawn feeding

Regular lawn feeding will help to achieve a lush lawn to be admired & enjoyed.

When

It is best to feed your lawn whilst it is moist so perhaps a couple of days after rain (or water it a few days before). Also it is important to feed after you have mowed, allowing the feed time to soak in before the next mow.

Seasonal Feeding

In Spring, aim to feed your lawn in late April, after it has been mowed a few times.

When it comes to Summer you can feed approximately up to 14 weeks after the Spring treatment. However if you are experiencing high heat do not attempt to feed, as you risk scorching the grass.

Autumn feeding is vital (aim for September), so your lawn can withstand periods of wet and dark weather during Winter.

In Winter though you may not be able to feed, it is important to regularly rake away dead leaves & debris, allowing your lawn to breath.

Lawn Seeds

For a thicker lush lawn you can sow grass seeds, ideally in Spring or Autumn. Firstly you will need to prepare the ground by clearing weeds & laying Top Soil. To Sow grass seeds you can use an Easy Spreader, ensure the area is evenly covered and raked in, then watch it grow.

Advice

Ask us for any further advice. We are happy to help.



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Lawn Weeding & Moss

Weeds, and moss in your lawn can prevent growth by blocking air and nutrients from getting to the roots. Also they can spread quickly, so it's important to remove them as soon as you spot them.

Weed Slice

Weeding is made easy with Weed Slice. Weed Slice easily slices through weed roots, minimising soil disturbance & back strain.



Weeding Larger Areas

If your lawn has weeds you may need to use weed killer. We have several weed killers that attack the weeds, not the lawn, and can be applied with watering cans, or a garden sprayer to cover a larger area.



Moss Control

Many gardeners struggle with moss on lawns, affecting the grass growth. There are lots of reasons it can occur including compacted soil, sparse grass cover, and worn areas of turf. Depending on the size of the moss problem it can either be raked out or treated.



Mowing

Mowing the lawn is an essential job, so it's important to know you're doing it right. Take a look at our mowing tips below:



1. Blade Height

Adjust the cutting height to suit the weather and season. Raise the height of the blade a little at the start and end of the season. If it's hot and dry, raise the blade to let the grass grow longer. The extra moisture held in the longer foliage helps keep the grass green and shades the soil.

2. Frequency

In Spring when the weather has improved you can begin cutting the lawn once every 2 weeks (with raised blades). Once the Summer starts bringing (hopefully warmer weather) you can mow the lawn at least once a week, to encourage healthier growth.

3. Conditions

Only mow the lawn on a dry day to prevent clumping, and the wet clippings smothering the lawn below.

4. Cuttings

Make the most of your grass cuttings and compost them! Also a great way of retaining moisture in your lawn throughout the summer is to sprinkle some cuttings on the lawn. Equally you can leave your cuttings & use them for mulching borders.

All you need at Bow

At Bow Garden Centre we have a great lawn care range including strimmers, mowers, feed, seed & lots more!