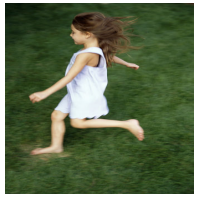

How to have a lawn without relying on town water supplies.

With current watering bans in place, your ability to enjoy all the benefits of a luscious lawn in your own home can still be a reality if you choose to follow a simple three step plan to secure a water supply, independent of potable town supplies.

Step 1: Select a drought tolerant turf grass. Varieties to discuss with your supplier include: Soft leaf buffalo, Couch and Kikuyu. Prepare the soil correctly. Contact your turf supplier for details.

Step 2: Calculate how much water you will need to establish your lawn area. According to recent trials conducted by the University of Queensland, drought tolerant turf varieties can be established with just 25mm of water per week during peak summer periods. For a 50M^2 lawn area, you will need to have approximately 1200 litres of water per week for the first two to three weeks. If you are trying to revive your existing established lawn, your requirements will be less. Most established drought tolerant varieties of lawn can survive on little or no water for long periods of time.

Step 3: Once you have determined the volume of water required, you will need to assess your budget and the physical limitations of your home and yard to help decide the best method for securing your independent water source. Options to speak to your plumber or irrigation specialist about could include a rain water tank, grey water re-use system, or underground bore. Contact your local water authority to find out about the Government rebates available to purchase tanks and infrastructure.

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The TPAV can be contacted via the Turf Producers Association of Australia website at www.turfaustralia.com.au

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GO GREEN….GO LAWN – The Benefits of Turf

Listed below are some of the benefits of lawn and the reasons why lawn will reduce your carbon footprint.

- Lawns help to purify and cool the air. An average front lawn offers the same cooling effect as 2.5 air conditioners. Backyard surface temperatures are up to 20 degrees cooler than hard surface landscapes.
- Lawns are an important source of plant oxygen exchange. A 15m x 15m turf area will sustain oxygen requirements for a family of 4.
- Soil erosion control.
- Assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Dust stabilization.
- Decreased allergy related pollens.
- Increases home and property values.
- Provides a natural disinfection process for surface bacteria.
- Improves quality of life, especially in more densely populated urban regions.
- Lawns provide a safer fall area for children's activities encouraging outside play.

Thick healthy turf provides a natural filter for water, filtering it as it is absorbed into the soil and plant root zone. This in turn reduces ground water pollution and aids in recharging groundwater.

Drought tolerant varieties assist with the creation of oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide .

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