



## GROWS JUST AS WELL IN THE SUN

*Shade Plus+ Premium Soft Leaf Buffalo* grass is suitable for full sun to 60% shade with normal to high wear and up to 70% shade with

## SHADE TOLERANCE

Best *Soft Leaf Buffalo* in shade. Good for up to 60% shade. Often works in 70%, but with reduced quality.

## WINTER COLOUR

Similar to other good *Soft Leaf Buffalo* types. Excellent winter colour in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne (provided it is fertilised in April). It will go dormant in colder areas such as Canberra, but will hold its winter colour longer than most varieties.

## HOT WEATHER TOLERANCE

Excellent tolerance. It thrives in hot, humid and desert areas.

## COLD TOLERANCE

Tested down to -10°C in Canberra.

## RECOVERY FROM WEAR

Excellent, as it has fast growing runners.

## MOWING HEIGHT AND FREQUENCY

From 35 to 45mm in full sun, 50 to 60mm in shade. Less mowing than Couch and Kikuyu similar to most other Buffalo types.

## ROOT STRUCTURE

Deep rooted.

## CARE ADVICE

Newly installed *Shade Plus+ Premium Soft Leaf Buffalo* has important watering needs. Proper watering immediately after installation will ensure the grass becomes established, and it will also have an impact on how well it continues to flourish for years to come.



- Begin watering new grass within half an hour after it has been laid on the soil.
- Make absolutely certain that water is getting to all areas of your new grass, regardless of the type of sprinkler system. Corners and edges are easily missed by many sprinklers (if windy) and are vulnerable to drying out faster than the centre portion. Also, areas near buildings dry out faster because of reflected heat and may need more water.
- Water grass as early in the morning as possible to take advantage of the daily start of the grass' normal growing cycle, generally lower wind speeds and considerably less water loss because of high temperature evaporation.

- If the temperature approaches 37°C, or high winds are constant for more than half of the day, reduce the temperature of the *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass surface by lightly sprinkling the area with water. This sprinkling does not replace the need for longer, deeper watering, which will become even more critical during adverse weather conditions.

## FERTILISING TIPS

- *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass needs to be fed to remain strong and healthy.
- Use a complete fertiliser in early April and early September.
- At other times of the year use a slow release fertiliser. If you need a quick green-up, use a fertiliser high in nitrogen to promote lush green grass.



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## CARE ADVICE (CONTINUED)

There is no better time to enhance the ultimate beauty and success of your new *Shade Plus+ Premium Soft Leaf Buffalo* grass than by improving the soil before any planting takes place. The benefits of proper and complete soil preparation are:

- Improved growth
- Faster recovery from wear
- Reduced use of water, fertiliser and chemicals
- Reduced maintenance

### Why is good soil so important?

For optimum growth, *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass needs just four things (in the proper balance) to grow; sunlight, air, water and nutrients. Reduce any of these, or provide too much of any one, and the grass may not thrive.

In the right proportions, *Shade Plus+ Premium* will flourish, providing not only beauty to the landscape, but also a clean and safe place to play and many benefits to the environment.

### What is the best soil for your *Shade Plus+ Premium Soft Leaf Buffalo*?

Loams, sandy loams and loamy sands, with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0 are the very best soils for producing a beautiful, high-use, low-maintenance *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass.

### How deep should your soil be for *Shade Plus+ Premium Soft Leaf Buffalo*?

The absolute minimum soil depth for care-free grass is 10cm, however, for deeper root penetration and the benefits that brings, the accepted standard is 15cm.



## HOW TO INSTALL

- Remove all building waste and weeds.
- Spread a free draining underlay to a depth of 7 – 15cm (roots can penetrate much deeper) or loosen ground and mix in appropriate soil conditioner. Phone a soil supplier for more advice.
- Level the surface using a screeding board, lawn leveller or similar device.
- In the hot months, moisten the soil but do not make the soil too wet. Do not lay *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass on hot, dry soil.
- Lay *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass immediately after delivery.
- On hot days, lay a section of *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass and lightly water. Repeat until all grass is laid. On cool days, *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass can be laid all at once. Roll and water thoroughly within one hour of laying grass.
- Water thoroughly for 7 – 10 days or until the *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass is established. Take care that the water is saturating the soil beneath the grass. In colder months, *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass will take longer to establish. The grass should not dry out until roots are established.
- When the soil has firmed and the grass has rooted down, usual 2 – 3 weeks after laying (longer during the winter) mow lightly to tidy up your new *Shade Plus+ Premium* grass.



## MOWING YOUR LAWN

- Every 5 – 10 days in hot months.  
Every 3 – 6 weeks in the cold months.
- Mowing height will vary:
  - 2 – 5cm in sunny/light shaded situations
  - 5 – 7cm in heavier shaded situations



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