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Can turf really be laid in winter?

Why site conditions matter more than the calendar when programming turf installation.



Winter installation can work.

Winter weather doesn't automatically mean turf installation needs to stop. With suitable ground conditions, work can continue throughout much of the season, helping developments maintain progress towards planned completion dates.

The key considerations are whether the ground is workable and free from frost or waterlogging, whether access and preparation can be managed safely, and how newly installed turf will be protected while it establishes.

Cooler conditions can reduce watering requirements during establishment, offering practical benefits. However, ongoing monitoring remains essential, as turf will establish more slowly during colder weather.



Right conditions.
Better outcomes.

Winter turf installation can be practical, but site conditions and an appropriate establishment plan remain essential.

- **Assess ground conditions.** If soil is frozen, saturated or unsuitable for preparation, postpone installation until conditions improve.
- **Plan for challenging ground conditions.** Where deadlines are tight, leaving turf areas approximately 25mm below finished level allows fresh, fine-grade topsoil to be installed and prepared before turf laying. Plywood sheets can help distribute weight and minimise disturbance on soft ground.
- **Protect newly installed turf.** Minimise foot traffic and avoid walking on frosted grass.
- **Plan for establishment.** Agree aftercare, inspections and handover responsibilities before installation.



Planning a landscaping project?
Let’s talk early.

Whether you’re planning turf installation, reviewing ground conditions or thinking about handover and aftercare, PGE Landscaping can help you make practical decisions earlier.



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