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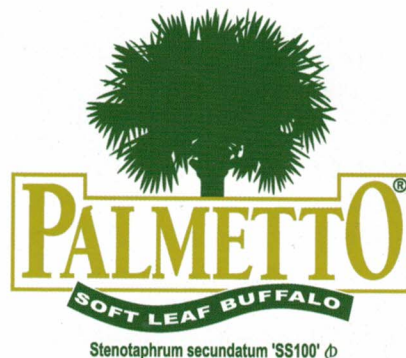
**Palmetto**<sup>®</sup> soft leaf Buffalo is ideally suited for lawns in most situations, including around salt water pools, front and back yards, sun and shade.

**Palmetto**<sup>®</sup> soft leaf Buffalo thrives across Australia under a wide range of climatic conditions, making it the ideal choice for residential and commercial use throughout the land.

## **Best Winter Colour Buffalo**

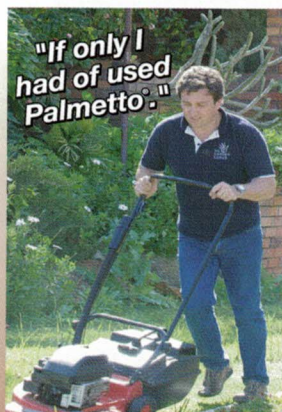
Due to **Palmetto's**<sup>®</sup> impressive drought resistance, low maintenance and great winter colour, it is often used for commercial areas such as roadsides, factories and parks.

For the home lawn **Palmetto**<sup>®</sup> soft leaf Buffalo is one of the most low maintenance and best looking turf varieties available. Palmetto requires less mowing and watering than other lawns.



## **Palmetto<sup>®</sup> Turf**

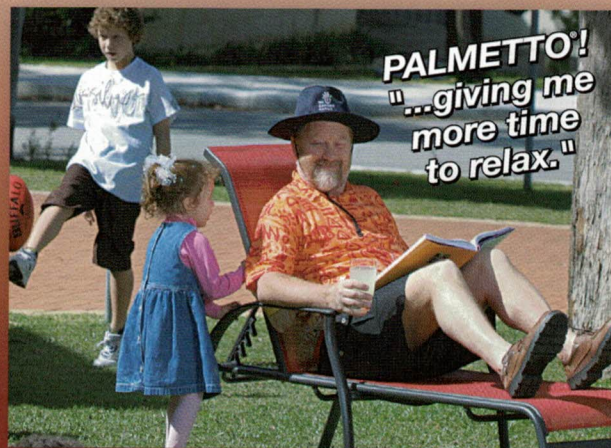
**LOW WATER, LESS WORK**  
Greener all year round - sun or shade



**"It's the best lawn for Aussie gardens"**

*The Garden Gurus*

**Soft enough to lie on...**





# Water, less work

**Palmetto®** has an outstanding emerald green colour which will make your neighbours green with envy.

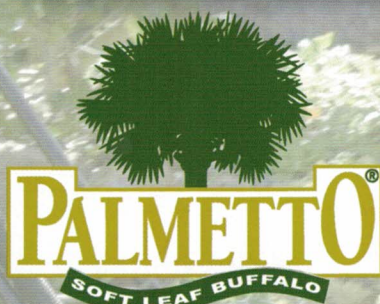
**Palmetto®** soft leaf Buffalo only requires 2 to 3 hours of direct sunlight a day. It excels in full sun whilst thriving in shaded areas where other grasses fail.

**Palmetto®** has a very deep root system which makes it extremely drought resistant.

**Palmetto®** soft leaf Buffalo recovers quickly from damage by wear or minor scalping as it sends out runners to repair exposed areas.



"... more time to relax."



Stenotaphrum secundatum 'SS100' (b)

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## Benefits of Palmetto®

- Drought resistant - Sun and shade
- Less mowing
- Recovers rapidly from damage
- Deep and fast establishing root system
- Hard wearing
- Helps out compete weeds
- Best winter colour





## Surface Preparation

1. Remove all building waste & weeds.
2. Spread a free draining soil to a depth of 7-15cm (roots can penetrate much deeper) or loosen ground and mix in appropriate soil conditioners. Phone your supplier for more advice on this option. For sandy soils, simply mix in organic material and rotary hoe.
3. Level the surface using a screeding board, lawn leveller or similar device.
4. Apply a low analysis fertiliser with an N: P: K: of approximately 5:6:5 or lawn starter fertiliser to the surface and incorporate with a rake.
5. In hot months, moisten the soil but do not make the soil too wet. Do not lay turf on hot, dry soil.
6. Lay turf as soon as possible after delivery.
7. On hot days, lay a section of turf and lightly water. Repeat until all turf is laid. On cool days, turf can be laid all at once. Roll and water thoroughly within one hour of laying turf.
8. Water thoroughly for 7-10 days or until turf is established taking care to ensure that the water is saturating the soil beneath the turf. In hot weather numerous waterings per day may be required. In times of water restrictions top dressing immediately after installation will allow it to be established with one water per day. In colder months the turf will take longer to establish. The turf should not dry out until roots are established.
9. When the soil has firmed and the Palmetto® has rooted down, usually 2-3 weeks after laying (longer during winter), mow lightly to tidy up the lawn.

## Mowing

1. Mow every 7-10 days in the hot months; mow every 3-6 weeks in the cold months.
2. Mowing height will vary: 2-5cm in sunny/lightly shaded situations, 5-7cm in heavier shaded situations.

## Fertilising

1. Lawns need to be fed to remain strong and healthy.
2. Use a complete fertiliser in early April and early September.
3. 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 a lush green lawn - e.g. Supergreen or organic based slow release fertilisers. In heat of summer avoid over fertilising or using manure based products.

**Palmetto® Turf - LOW WATER, LESS WORK**

## Watering

1. Water thoroughly and regularly after Palmetto® has been laid to encourage a deep and vigorous root system (turf will be able to fossick for water and therefore be more able to withstand hot dry conditions).
2. Once the root system has fully established, water thoroughly only when needed (when a slight wilting is visible), usually once every 7-10 days in summer (on sandy soils more often), with much less or no water in cooler months.
3. Remember that infrequent, deep watering promotes a healthy lawn.
4. Over watering encourages excessive growth, disease and root rot.
5. It is best to water in the early morning; night watering is not recommended.

## Pests, Weeds & Diseases

Palmetto® is resistant to pests, weeds and fungi compared to most other turf varieties, but as with any natural product, occasional problems can occur. If these problems occur we recommend the following:

1. Pests - watch for the Lawn Grub (e.g. Web Worm or Army Worm) and African Black Beetle - apply suitable pesticides according to directions.
2. Fungi - watch for Brown Patch and Grey Leaf Spot - apply systemic fungicide.
3. Weeds - if weeds infest, hand eradicate before seed head develops or apply a suitable weedicide (ask your local garden centre).

**NB: sprays containing DICAMBA must not be applied to soft leaf buffalo!**

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Information in this brochure is not comprehensive as climate and soil conditions vary greatly. For more detailed information check with your local Palmetto® supplier.