

Golf Course Supervisor

UNIT 20

Establish grass swards

Overview

The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge, understanding and skills to identify and establish grass swards.

	Learner Outcomes		Assessment Criteria
	The learner will:		The learner can:
1	be able to identify types of grasses	1.1	identify a minimum of 6 types of grasses by common and botanical names when establishing grass swards
2	be able to establish grass swards	2.1	mark out sites accurately before beginning operations
		2.2	select turf or seed as appropriate for intended purpose
		2.3	check the specification and health of turf on receipt and reject unacceptable material
		2.4	use handling and establishment methods which maximise the quality of the sward
		2.5	provide protection which is appropriate and effective
		2.6	ensure the site is left in a tidy and safe condition following operations
		2.7	maintain effective working relations with all relevant persons
3	be able to maintain and use relevant equipment	3.1	ensure equipment is prepared, used and maintained in a safe and effective condition
4	be able to promote health and safety and environmental good practice	4.1	work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements

		4.2	ensure work is carried out in a manner which minimises environmental damage
		4.3	manage and dispose of waste in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice
5	know and understand the principles of selecting grasses	5.1	explain the principles of selecting and combining grass species for different applications
		5.2	explain the principles of selecting turf and seeding mats for different applications
6	know and understand how to establish grass swards	6.1	explain the factors affecting the timing and methods of establishment
		6.2	describe the methods of protection and their application
		6.3	explain the initial maintenance requirements for newly established swards
		6.4	explain what potential problems may affect operations and how to handle these effectively
7	know and understand how to assess turf health	7.1	describe how to assess the health of turf
		7.2	explain the different types of damage that can occur and how to prevent them
8	know and understand how to maintain equipment	8.1	explain the importance of maintaining equipment for use
		8.2	describe the methods of maintaining the range of equipment used
9	know and understand relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	9.1	summarise current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and organisational requirements
		9.2	describe the possible environmental damage that could occur and how to respond appropriately
		9.3	explain the correct and appropriate methods for disposing of organic and inorganic waste
		9.4	explain the records required for management and legislative purposes and the importance of maintaining them