

Turf Protection Planning Guide

Planning a heavy material move across a finished lawn

Before the machine arrives

1 Check soil moisture along the planned route

Wet or saturated ground compresses more easily under any weight.

2 Walk the route and count the turns

Fewer sharp turns generally means less surface disturbance.

3 Ask which track configuration is available

Standard or wide tracks distribute weight differently across the same machine.

During the work

1 Keep the bucket low and close

A raised, extended load shifts more weight toward the front of the track.

2 Favour wide, gradual turns

Sideways scrubbing from tight pivots is a common source of surface disturbance.

3 Vary the route where possible

Repeated passes over the same line compress soil more than a single pass.

When to add extra protection

1 Wet or saturated ground

Consider ground protection mats or plywood along the route.

2 Sloped sections of the yard

Weight distributes less evenly across the track on a grade.

3 High traffic areas of the job

Anywhere the route repeats multiple times in one day benefits from added protection.

Plan the route, watch the load position, and add mats where conditions call for it.

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