



# Giving ryegrass over-sow a great start



Post emergence damping-off

Preparing for winter turf cover on playing surfaces needs careful consideration and planning. Getting your ryegrass oversow off to a great start is half the battle won. Below a few ideas for consideration to help facilitate a great start.

PRIMO MAXX® is very useful when applied just prior to over seeding (1-2 days). PRIMO MAXX will reduce competition from the existing couch or kikuyu and allow ryegrass seed to germinate and establish without excessive competition. Seedlings are unaffected as PRIMO MAXX is not root absorbed.

Giving ryegrass seedlings the best chance to establish well and so delivering a good winter surface is one of the most important parts of oversowing.

Unfortunately diseases are always ready and wet summer or autumn tends to favour both *Pythium* spp. and *Rhizoctonia* spp. These turf pathogens are capable of causing “damping-off” of ryegrass soon after emergence. It would thus be prudent to protect seedlings against these diseases as seeding is very much a once-off success or failure.

Preparing the way with PRIMO MAXX and protecting the seedlings should see the surface in good shape for winter.

## Possible strategies:

1. **Pythium:** PRIMO MAXX @ 0.8-1 L/ha (couch) or 1.5-2 L/ha (kikuyu) + SUBDUE MAXX® @ 3.5 L/ha around 1-2 days prior to over-sowing. Give a light wash-in 1 hr after spraying (2-3 mm).
2. **Pythium and Rhizoctonia:** PRIMO MAXX @ 0.8-1 L/ha (couch) or 1.5-2 L/ha (kikuyu) + SUBDUE MAXX @ 3 L/ha + HERITAGE MAXX® @ 6 L/ha around 1-2 days prior to over-sowing. Give a light wash-in 1 hr after spraying (2-3 mm).

**Important:** Remember to consider the environmental conditions as continued humid and wet weather would necessitate a follow-up of your fungicides 7-10 days after emergence.

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