

# SOD SELECTION GUIDE

# HOW MUCH SOD WILL I NEED?

# HOW TO INSTALL YOUR LAWN...

## Trophy

### 3 Way Blend Dwarf-Tall Fescue

Our most popular cool-season turfgrass is a blend of improved fescue and bluegrass which has year-round dark green color. The plus is that it will gradually repair minor damage over time without the need for reseeding. It has a medium leaf blade, disease resistance, partial shade tolerance and a deep root system for drought tolerance. It is easy to care for and adapts well to the varied climates and soils of the West.

## Tifway 419

A versatile hybrid Bermuda which tolerates close mowing and is disease resistant. It spreads rapidly to provide a dense turf which is wear tolerant and heals quickly. This water conservative grass becomes dormant in the winter and may develop some thatch. Available overseeded with perennial ryegrass for winter installation jobs.

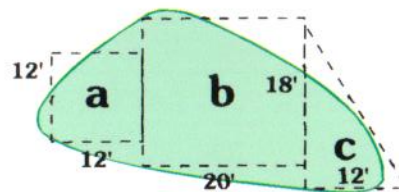
## Tifway II

A hybrid Bermudagrass with a natural dark blue-green color and medium leaf texture. It has an aggressive growth habit for quick recovery from high traffic and can be mowed with either a rotary or reel mower. Water conservative, this grass becomes dormant in the winter and may develop some thatch. Available overseeded with perennial ryegrass for winter installation jobs.

## Tifgreen 328

A fine-textured hybrid Bermuda which creates a carpet-like appearance and tolerates close mowing heights. This water conservative grass becomes dormant in the winter and may develop some thatch. Available overseeded with perennial ryegrass for winter installation jobs.

Here is a simple method to determine how many square feet of sod you will need. Roughly divide the area(s) to be sodded into rectangles or triangles (see example).



Area A is 12 ft x 12 ft	= 144 sq ft
Area B is 18 ft x 20 ft	= 360 sq ft
Area C is a triangle 12 ft x 18 ft/2	= 108 sq ft
Total Sod needed	= 612 sq ft

Add 5% to 10% extra for filling odd spaces and accuracy of the measurements.

## Items Needed

- Rototiller
- Garden Rake
- Soil Amendments
- Watering System (underground preferred)
- Starter Fertilizer
- Gloves
- Serrated Knife
- Sod Roller

## Specifications

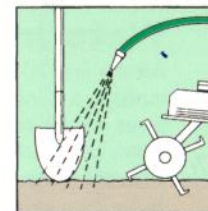
**SIZE:** 5 sq. ft. per piece, depending on market

**SOIL THICKNESS:** 3/8 inch, plus top growth

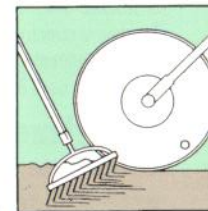
**PIECES PER PALLET:** 100 pieces/500 sq. ft. pallet

**PALLET WEIGHT:** 2,500 to 3,000 lbs.

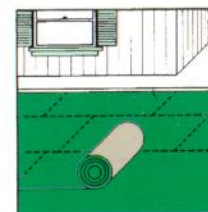
**1. Soil Preparation.** Kill weeds and grasses with a recommended herbicide (follow directions); remove rocks and debris; add organic soil amendment at a rate of 3 to 5 yards per 1000 sq. ft.; rototill to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. This is the time to install a sprinkler system.



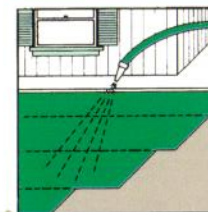
**2. Grading.** Work the soil, level and smooth with a rake. If soil seems loose, rolling may be done to firm soil before installing the sod. Final grade should be 1 inch below walkways and driveways. Water soil lightly just before installing sod. Spread area with starter fertilizer at rate recommended on the label.



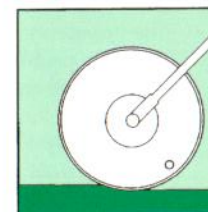
**3. Sod Installation.** Begin to install your sod immediately after delivery. Start laying your sod along a straight edge such as a walkway or driveway. Butt joints tightly together, do not overlap. Stagger joints similar to rows of bricks. Use a sharp knife to cut and shape sod around curves, trees & borders, etc.



**4. Water is critical.** Start watering within 30 minutes even if all the sod is not installed yet, to prevent wilting and drying. Never, never let the sod dry out and kill the tender grass roots.



**5. Roll Your New Sod.** Rolling will smooth and level your sod and press out air spaces below the sod.



**6. Completely Water Your New Sod to a Depth of 3 to 4 inches.** Keep your new lawn consistently moist, but not soggy during the first 10 to 14 days after installation. Do not let water pond. Early morning watering is the best.

