

Information Checklist for Big Roll Sod

The Product

Labor saving big rolls are available for large, open area projects. Rolls measure 4'x84' (336sq. ft./roll; 3 rolls/1000 sq ft.), with two 2-foot wide ribbons on each roll for ease of handling. One big roll weighs approximately 1,000 pounds, depending on the soil type and moisture.



Netting is applied to big rolls at time of harvest to provide a neat, tight roll that better withstands handling and roll out. Netting can be removed during installation if desired.

Sod does stretch during handling and installation inhibits exact length cuts. Therefore, trimming may still be necessary.

Due to their size, big rolls cannot be graded the same as small rolls. Therefore, it may be necessary to cut portions of the big rolls and pull back together.

Site Preparation

The job site should be prepared essentially the same for big roll projects as for any small roll project. The major difference is that the ground must be very firm (but not compacted) so that the equipment (tractor, forklift, or track machine) can drive on it without leaving tracks.

To facilitate your project, we request that big roll orders be a minimum of 6,000 square feet. Big rolls are ideal for large, wide open areas that are level or have a gentle slope. For smaller areas where it is difficult to maneuver machinery, or on grades greater than a 10% slope, we recommend using smaller palletized rolls (2'x5"). To facilitate unloading and sod placement, and to provide you with the most efficient service, it is essential that we are able to park and unload tractor trailers near the site. The sod staging area must be easily accessible. If the site is over 25 yards from the unloading site, please let us know when you place your order.

We allow one hour per tractor trailer for unloading. If the site requires a longer unloading period, we will be happy to assist you for \$70 per hour. When possible, please let us know prior to delivery so we can plan accordingly.

Installation

Due to their size, big rolls cannot be unrolled and installed by hand like standard palletized rolls. When installing big rolls, you have three options:



1. Unroll and **install the sod yourself** using either a tractor (at least 40 Hp, preferably with turf tires), skid steer, or forklift and an unrolling attachment from Saratoga Sod.
2. **Saratoga Sod provides a rollout service** with a man and Machine to unroll the sod. You provide the labor (at least 5) to actually install the sod.
3. **Saratoga Sod provides a complete installation service.** You are responsible for proper and final site preparation and post installation watering and care.

Your are responsible for the following:

1. Labor to pull the sod into place, fit, cut and trim the sod. Steel hand rakes work well to pull/push the sod, and sharp knives are needed to cut and trim the sod.

2. If an underground irrigation system is in place, clearly mark all heads with flags so they will not be run over with machinery. Make sure the system works properly prior to sod installation.

3. Have the area prepared and ready when sod is delivered to the site. Sod must be unrolled and installed immediately upon delivery in warm weather, within 12 hours in cooler weather.

4. Water sod immediately and thoroughly following installation! For large jobs, irrigate sections as they are completed. **Do not wait until the end of the day to begin irrigating!**



A tractor trailer contains 10,000 square feet of big roll sod (30 rolls).



Unloading time is approximately one hour per trailer. As long as all of the above conditions have been met, our operators can unroll 10,000 square feet of big rolls in approximately 2 hours.

Our operator will work with you to help in every way possible. However, if you are not properly prepared or do not have adequate labor to install with the roll out service, delays and prolonged time at the job site will incur additional charges of \$70 per hour.

Cost

Big Roll Sod: Please see price list for pricing, based on total square footage. Add one cent per square foot for big rolls.

Rollout Service: 5 cents per square foot (man and machine from Saratoga Sod + your labor).

Installation: Please call for information and pricing regarding a complete installation.

Tubes: \$15 refundable deposit per tube.

Attachments: A \$250 deposit is required for use of a rollout attachment for either a 3 pt hitch or forks. Attachments that are not returned the next business day will be charged a non-refundable rental fee of \$50 per day.