

PART 1 **GENERAL**

1.1 **RELATED REQUIREMENTS**

- .1 Section 32 91 19.13 – Topsoil Placement and Grading

1.2 **ACTION AND INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS**

- .1 Samples.
 - .1 Submit samples in accordance with Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
 - .2 Submit:
 - .1 Sod for each type specified.
 - .1 Install approved samples in one square metre mock-ups and maintain in accordance with maintenance requirements during establishment period.
 - .2 Bio-degradable geotextile fabric.
 - .3 Obtain approval of samples by Departmental Representative.

1.3 **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- .1 Test Reports: certified test reports showing compliance with specified performance characteristics and physical properties.
- .2 Certificates: product certificates signed by manufacturer certifying materials comply with specified performance characteristics and criteria and physical requirements.

1.4 **SCHEDULING**

- .1 Schedule sod laying to coincide with preparation of soil surface.
- .2 Schedule sod installation when frost is not present in ground.

1.5 **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL**

- .1 Separate and recycle waste materials in accordance with Section 01 74 19 - Construction/Demolition Waste Management and Disposal.
- .2 Divert unused fertilizer from landfill to official hazardous material collections site approved by Departmental Representative.
- .3 Do not dispose of unused fertilizer into sewer systems, into lakes, streams, onto ground or in locations where it will pose health or environmental hazard.

PART 2 **PRODUCTS**

2.1 **MATERIALS**

- .1 Commercial Grade Turf Grass Nursery: sod that has not been grown as Turf Grass Nursery Sod crop.
 - .1 Mow sod within 36 hours prior to lifting, and remove clippings.
- .2 Sod establishment support:
 - .1 Wooden pegs: 17 x 8 x 200mm.

- .3 Fertilizer:
 - .1 To Canada "Fertilizers Act" and "Fertilizers Regulations".
 - .2 Complete, synthetic, slow release with 65 % of nitrogen content in water-insoluble form.

2.2 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

- .1 Obtain approval from Departmental Representative of sod at source.
- .2 When proposed source of sod is approved, use no other source without written authorization from Departmental Representative.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- .1 Verify that grades are correct and prepared in accordance with Section 32 91 19.13 - Topsoil Placement and Grading. If discrepancies occur, notify Departmental Representative and do not commence work until instructed by Departmental Representative.
- .2 Do not perform work under adverse field conditions such as frozen soil, excessively wet soil or soil covered with snow, ice, or standing water.
- .3 Fine grade surface free of humps and hollows to smooth, even grade, to contours and elevations indicated, to tolerance of plus or minus 15 mm, surface to drain naturally.
- .4 Remove and dispose of weeds; debris; stones 50 mm in diameter and larger; soil contaminated by oil, gasoline and other deleterious materials; off site.

3.2 SOD PLACEMENT

- .1 Lay sod within 24 hours of being lifted if air temperature exceeds 20 degrees C.
- .2 Lay sod sections in rows, joints staggered. Butt sections closely without overlapping or leaving gaps between sections. Cut out irregular or thin sections with sharp implements.
- .3 Roll sod as directed by Departmental Representative. Provide close contact between sod and soil by light rolling. Use of heavy roller to correct irregularities in grade is not permitted.

3.3 SOD PLACEMENT ON SLOPES AND PEGGING

- .1 Install and secure geotextile fabric in areas indicated, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- .2 Start laying sod at bottom of slopes.
- .3 Peg sod on slopes steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical, within 1 m of catch basins and within 1 m of drainage channels and ditches to following pattern:
 - .1 100 mm below top edge at 200 mm on centre for first sod sections along contours of slopes.
 - .2 Not less than 3-6 pegs per square metre.
 - .3 Not less than 6-9 pegs per square metre in drainage structures. Adjust pattern as directed by Departmental Representative.
 - .4 Drive pegs to 20 mm above soil surface of sod sections.

3.4 MAINTENANCE DURING ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

- .1 Perform following operations from time of installation until acceptance.
- .2 Water sodded areas in sufficient quantities and at frequency required to maintain optimum soil moisture condition to depth of 75 to 100 mm.
- .3 Cut grass to 50 mm when or prior to it reaching height of 75 mm. Remove clippings which will smother grassed areas as directed by Departmental Representative.
- .4 Maintain sodded areas weed free 75%.
- .5 Fertilize areas in accordance with fertilizing program. Spread half of required amount of fertilizer in one direction and remainder at right angles and water in well.

3.5 ACCEPTANCE

- .1 Sodded Commercial Grade Turf Grass Nursery Sod areas will be accepted by Departmental Representative provided that:
 - .1 Sodded areas are properly established.
 - .2 Extent of surface soil visible when grass has been cut to height of 60 mm is acceptable.
 - .3 Sod is free of bare or dead spots and extent of weeds apparent in grass is acceptable.
 - .4 Sodded areas have been cut minimum 2 times prior to acceptance.
 - .5 Fertilizing in accordance with fertilizer program has been carried out at least once.
- .2 Areas sodded in fall will be accepted in following spring one month after start of growing season provided acceptance conditions are fulfilled.

3.6 MAINTENANCE DURING WARRANTY PERIOD

- .1 Perform following operations from time of acceptance until end of warranty period:
 - .1 Water sodded areas at weekly intervals to obtain optimum soil moisture conditions to depth of 100 mm.
- .2 Repair and resod dead or bare spots to satisfaction of Departmental Representative.
- .3 Cut grass and remove clippings that will smother grass to height as follows:
 - .1 Commercial Grade Turf Grass Nursery Sod:
 - .1 60 mm during normal growing conditions.
 - .2 Cut grass at 2 week intervals but at intervals so that approximately one third of growth is removed in single cut.
 - .3 Fertilize areas in accordance with fertilizing program. Spread half of required amount of fertilizer in one direction and remainder at right angles and water in well.
 - .4 Eliminate weeds by mechanical or chemical means to extent acceptable to Departmental Representative.

3.7 CLEANING

- .1 Upon completion of installation, remove surplus materials, rubbish, tools and equipment barriers.

END OF SECTION