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PROJECT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

ALL PROJECTS

1. GET AN ACCURATE MEASUREMENT OF THE AREA. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR IRRIGATION DESIGN AND MATERIAL QUANTITIES. *WE CAN PROVIDE ON-SITE EVALUATIONS FOR MOST PROJECTS. PLEASE CALL TO DISCUSS.*

2. CLEAR THE SITE OF ALL EXISTING GROWTH, IF ANY, TO THE SOIL SURFACE. REMOVE ALL DEBRIS AND PLANT MATERIAL.

3. TAKE SOIL SAMPLES, WE RECOMMEND WALLACE LABS IN EL SEGUNDO, CA, THERE IS A LINK UNDER RESOURCES ON OUR WEB SITE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE SOIL TYPE, AVAILABLE NUTRIENTS AND POTENTIAL ISSUES WITH THE SOIL PRIOR TO DETERMINING THE SEED LIST AND SOIL PREPARATION.

4. ROTOTILL THE AREA (IF POSSIBLE), INCORPORATING ANY AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE SOILS TEST RESULTS. 6" DEPTH MINIMUM IS RECOMMENDED TO ESTABLISH DEEP ROOTS. AT A MINIMUM, SOIL MUST BE SCARIFIED JUST PRIOR TO HYDROSEEDING. 'TRACK-WALKING' IS A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY TO SCARIFY LARGE PROJECTS AND SLOPES. MAKE SURE THE TRACTOR MOVES VERTICALLY, OR IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WATER FLOW SO THE TRACKS FORM HORIZONTAL IMPRINTS IN THE SOIL.

5. FOR FLAT OR TURF AREAS: RAKE AREA TO FINAL GRADE JUST PRIOR TO HYDROSEEDING. MAKE SURE THAT THE SURFACE ALLOWS PROPER WATER FLOW FOR DRAINAGE FROM RAIN AND THAT ALL HARDSCAPE (SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, ETC.) ARE AT LEAST ¾" ABOVE THE SOIL SURFACE.

FOR SLOPES: TRACK-WALK FINISH IS IDEAL, OR SCARIFY THE SLOPES LEAVING HORIZONTAL IMPRINTS OR LINES TO SLOW WATER FLOW AND CREATE POCKETS FOR BETTER SEED GERMINATION.

6. HOMEOWNERS: WE RECOMMEND HIRING AN EXPERIENCED, LICENSED LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR FOR PROJECT PREPARATION AND POST-SEEDING MAINTENANCE.

IRRIGATED PROJECTS

PRIOR TO ROTOTILLING (STEP 4 ABOVE): INSTALL YOUR IRRIGATION. SPRINKLER COVERAGE MUST BE EVEN WITH HEAD-TO-HEAD OVERLAP. USE THE NEWEST EFFICIENT SPRINKLER HEADS FOR WATER SAVINGS. WE RECOMMEND HIRING AN EXPERIENCED, LICENSED CONTRACTOR. THEN, USE THE INSTALLED IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO PERFORM WEED CONTROL. DO AT LEAST TWO 'GROW AND KILL' PROGRAMS (FERTILIZE, WATER AND USE AN HERBICIDE) TO ELIMINATE THE WEEDS. WE RECOMMEND HIRING A LICENSED PEST CONTROL CONTRACTOR FOR HERBICIDE APPLICATION.