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Roll Netting

Did you know: big roll sod is rolled in a biodegradable net to help hold the sod together as the harvester rolls it up?

The netting provides a backing to the soil side of the roll which will help hold it together and provide ease for installing the sod. The netting used is biodegradable; however, it does take quite a long time for the net to biodegrade. Often times, the grass will wear down in high traffic areas before the net has a chance to biodegrade. If this occurs, it becomes a safety hazard for players, as their cleats will get caught up in the net. Since safety is the top priority, the netting is removed from the back side of the rolls when installing big roll Bermuda grasses on athletic fields.

Bermuda as a whole is a dense grass that is cultivated specifically to be of top quality for athletic (cont'd page 2)

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fields and golf courses. Bermuda is the industry standard for these intalls thanks to its durability and tolerance of high foot traffic.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, we have Bahia that also can be harvested in big rolls, which is our preferred installation method of Bahia. Where these big rolls differ; however, is the netting. While Bahia still very much uses netting while harvesting, the netting is not removed from the back side of Bahia rolls, as it is not as dense as Bermuda, and is a lower quality grass than Bermudas. Given its makeup as a naturally growing pasture grass, the rolls would fall apart if the netting were removed.



This is one main reason why big roll Bahia is not a good option for athletic playing fields.

Rain Forecast

As we gear up for the rainy season, it's important to try to plan ahead as much as possible when scheduling. If you know that you have slopes on your job site that are at risk of washing out, please call head and get on our schedule well in advance of when you expect to be ready to have them sodded.

We will always do what we can to protect your site & accommodate your schedule; however, we are often at the mercy of mother nature, especially through the rainy season. We don't want you to have to re-work your sites, we want to get them sodded the first go-round; however, our schedule is limited (as we discuss further on page 3), so we are limited in what we can accomplish in any given time period.

Additionally, as we move into the rainy season, we fully expect rain days. We will always do our best to stay on schedule; however, once the fields are too saturated, sod is physically impossible to harvest until they dry back out a bit. In some cases that's a few hours, in others it's a few days. Please be patient as we try our best to stay on schedule & get everything completed.



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Moccasin Wallow Road Improvements

If you're familiar with the Parrish and northern Palmetto areas, you're well aware of the growth that the area is experiencing & the need for widening Moccasin Wallow Road. As such, Manatee County has two projects working to improve & widen Moccasin Wallow Road - the eastern portion being completed by Gator Grading & Paving, and the western portion being completed by Prince Contracting.

We are excited to be working on both ends of this project with the skilled crews at Gator and Prince. You'll may see our guys out there on multiple occasions completing our sod installs & watering. Most recently, we've been working to stabilize pond slopes as work begins on both ends. We



look forward to being an integral part of the construction of much needed road improvements so close to home!

This is a high traffic area given the number of homes in the immediate vicinity. Please be patient as you drive & aware of changing traffic direction as the work progresses.

Overview of Our Services

Commercial Sod

We work alongside local contractors to stabilize work they've done - whether that be pond banks to road paving, and anything in between.

Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a cost effective way to get ground cover and erosion control if you have the time to wait for seeds to sprout. We offer multiple mixes to suit your specific project needs.

Watering

We are able to offer our water truck for all of your watering needs for both newly installed sod and hydroseeding.



Scheduling Sod

The summer months are always the hardest on our schedule. Our top priority is helping our customers complete their projects in a timely fashion, which involves planning ahead. If you know you're going to need sod on your project, we urge you to reach out to us sooner rather than later. We are regularly scheduling 2+ weeks in advance, and cannot often accommodate a same-week install. Sometimes we can accommodate a next-week install, but we cannot guarantee it. When you know you're scheduling your dirt/grading crew or subcontractor, give us a call then - even if that means it's a rough estimate for timeline - we can always adjust if we need to, but knowing what jobs we have forthcoming is a huge positive in keeping our schedule in good shape. Another thing to keep in mind is that while Bahia is plentiful, more specialized varieties like Bermudas & Zoysias tend to sell out over the summer months, so make sure to get your order in early. As we move into the rainy season, this gets complicated more by rain days, but we will work with you and do everything we can to stay on schedule - we just ask that you work with us too!

