



# Budgeting for the Landscape

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Some information to help you budget

Greendell Mulch \$24-30/yd + tax    Cypress mulch is \$45/yd

Delivery of 1-20 yards is \$45 within 10 miles of Greendell and \$55 10-20 miles

Installation of mulch is \$30 –35/yd by a service

Bag mulch at Rural King is \$3.50 for a 2 cubic foot bag

13.5 bags of mulch = 1 yard of bulk mulch

27 cubic feet in 1 cubic yard

### Mulch calculator

1. Measure your area and multiply length x width.
2. Convert inches of depth desired to feet by dividing by twelve.  
3" - .25      4" - .33      5" - .42
3. Multiply that conversion number with the answer from step 1.
4. Divide the answer from step 3 by 27 and round up to the next whole number. That will be the number of yards needed.

Example: Your bed area is about 45 feet long and 4 feet deep, and you want 4 inches of mulch on it.

$$45 \times 4 = 180 \qquad 180 \times .33 = 59.4 \qquad 59.4 / 27 = 2.2 \qquad \text{Round up to 3}$$

So you will need at least 2 yards, but best to go with 3 and use it in some additional areas.

## **Lawn Services**

Mowing - Prices vary by company and by the type of terrain that you have.

Typical town lot - \$25-30 each time  
Typical subdivision lot runs \$35-55  
Acreage gets more expensive

Detatching or aerating – Prices vary by company and the type of terrain that you have.  
Typical town lot - \$100-120  
Typical subdivision lot - \$120-150

Fertilizing and pest control - 2-5 times per season and is based on square footage and need  
Typical town lot \$30-40 each time  
Typical yard in a subdivision is \$40-80  
Three acre lot \$250

Pest control may not be included every time fertilizer is put down. Your service is there every week and should keep an eye on the turf condition.

Get specific information from the service about what they are doing and make sure you are not getting more than you need.

Lawn seeding and reseedng - Based on square footage and current condition. Do you need topsoil, grading, finish grading, drainage installed, etc.?

## **Rental equipment for do it yourselfers**

Dethatcher, aerator, overseeder or rototiller - \$25/first hour + \$8 each additional hour or \$75 per 24 hours  
Power edger minimum 4 hours @ \$50 or \$85 per 24 hours

## **Plant prices**

Annuals – Plan on an average of \$2 per plant. Cell pack plants are less expensive and individual plants can be much more expensive depending on the type.

Perennials – Sold mostly in 1 gallon pots for \$10-15 each. Quart size plants are less expensive.

Shrubs – Typically \$20 for a 1-3 gallon size shrub and more expensive for specialty or larger size plants.

Trees – Price is higher for larger trees. Very large trees may require you to hire someone to haul and plant them.



