

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.

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.

 $45 \times 4 = 180$

 $180 \times .33 = 59.4$

59.4 / 27 = 2.2

Round up to 3

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

Lawn Services

<u>Mowing</u> - 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

<u>Detatching or aerating</u> – Prices vary by company and the type of terrain that you have.

Typical town lot - \$100-120

Typical subdivision lot - \$120-150

<u>Fertilizing and pest control</u> - 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.

<u>Lawn seeding and reseeding</u> - 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.

Item/Service	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	F€
Bark mulch												
Mulch												
Delivery												
Installation												
Lawn mowing												
Service												
Gasoline												
Parts												
Equipment												
Lawn chemicals												
Service												
Fertilizer												
Herbicide												
Equipment												
Plants												
Annual plants												
Perennial plants												
Trees												
Shrubs												
Bulbs												

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New lawn seeding												
Overseeding												
Dethatching												
Aerating												
Aciding												
Infrastructure												
Irrigation system												
Edging												
Paving												
Water feature												
Arbor/structure												
General supplies												
Tools												
Hoses												
Sprinklers												
Pottery												
Fertilizers												
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