



## ANNUAL COST DIFFERENCE: TRADITIONAL SOD vs. SYNTHETIC TURF

Below is a cost breakdown of installing and maintaining traditional sod versus synthetic turf. While synthetic turf costs more initially due to labor and the product itself, the annual maintenance cost of traditional sod is expensive and quickly adds up over the years. As you can see on the bottom chart, you already start to save (over \$1,300) after 2 years. In 15 years, you will save almost \$30,000.

### INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS

Traditional Sod 1000 sq. ft.	
	Cost
Installation: Irrigation & Misc.	\$2,900
Installation: Labor	\$3,500
Sod	\$600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
Maintenance: Water, Fertilizer, etc.	\$1,060
Maintenance: General	\$1,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,360</b>

Synthetic Turf 1000 sq. ft.		Homeowner Cost
Installation: Irrigation & Misc.	\$0	
Installation: Labor	\$6,000	
Synthetic Turf (mid-grade)	\$4,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	
Maintenance: Water, Fertilizer, etc.	\$0	
Maintenance: General	\$200	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200</b>	

### INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS OVER TIME

# of Years	Cost & Annual Maintenance		
	Traditional Sod	Synthetic Turf	SAVINGS
time of install	\$7,000	\$10,000	(\$3,000)
1	\$9,360	\$10,200	(\$840)
<b>2**</b>	<b>\$11,720</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$1,320</b>
3	\$14,080	\$10,600	\$3,480
4	\$16,440	\$10,800	\$5,640
5	\$18,800	\$11,000	\$7,800
6	\$21,160	\$11,200	\$9,960
7	\$23,520	\$11,400	\$12,120
10	\$30,600	\$12,000	\$18,600
15	\$42,400	\$13,000	\$29,400
20	\$54,200	\$14,000	\$40,200

**\*\*Homeowner gets investment back after 2 years**