

## **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 after a few years.

## **INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS**

Traditional Sod			
1000 sq. ft.			
	Cost		
Installation: Irrigation & Misc.	\$3,000		
Installation: Labor	\$3,600		
Sod & Accessories	\$1,000		
TOTAL	\$7,600		
Maintenance: Water, Fertilizer, etc.	\$1,060		
Maintenance: General	\$1,300		
TOTAL	\$2.360		

Synthetic Turf 1000 sq. ft.		
	Cost	
Installation: Irrigation & Misc.	\$0	
Installation: Labor	\$7,000	
Synthetic Turf & Accessories	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$12,000	
Maintenance: Water, Fertilizer, etc.	\$0	
Maintenance: General	\$200	
TOTAL	\$200	

## **INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS OVER TIME**

# of Years	<b>Traditional Sod</b>	Synthetic Turf	SAVINGS
time of install	\$7,600	\$12,000	(\$4,400)
1	\$9,960	\$12,200	(\$2,240)
2	\$12,320	\$12,400	(\$80)
3**	\$14,680	\$12,600	\$2,080
4	\$17,040	\$12,800	\$4,240
5	\$19,400	\$13,000	\$6,400
6	\$21,760	\$13,200	\$8,560
7	\$24,120	\$13,400	\$10,720
10	\$31,200	\$14,000	\$17,200
15	\$43,000	\$15,000	\$28,000
20	\$54,800	\$16,000	\$38,800

<sup>\*\*</sup>Homeowner gets investment back after a few years