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# **Seed versus Sod: Weeding Through the Pros and Cons**

Envision this: You've just purchased a nice plot of land, as well as a brand new house. Right now, the lawn remains unblemished and brown since no grass has yet been added. You can almost already see how your landscaping prowess and lush green grass will become the envy of all your neighbors. The question is, how are you going to get from brown to green? Seed or sod: which one will you opt for? You'll soon find that this question depends on a lot on your own personal goals, and each landowner has different preferences.

Price is the first thing you should take into account. There's not much room for debate when it comes to price. Grass seed wins, hands down. If you stop to consider it for a moment, this is something that makes total sense. Grass seed is just essentially the early stages of sod, so when you opt to purchase sod, you're simply paying for someone to do the early stages of cultivation and growth for you. It makes sense, then, that sod would cost substantially more than grass seed. In order to transform your lawn into that thriving, fertile lawn you imagined originally with grass seed, on the other hand, you're going to need to diligently care for and nurture it. If you're concerned about trying to create your lawn in the most cost-effective way possible, grass seed would definitely be worth the extra effort then.

The next consideration you need to make is time, although it is related to cost, as well. This time around, sod is the clear winner. Are you willing to wait a handful of weeks or do you want your lawn looking perfectly right away? Sod is truly your only option if you're not able to wait. Depending on the time of the year, grass seed may not be a feasible choice, even if you happen to be willing to wait it out. The late spring or early fall is the optimal time for grass seed to grow. Growing grass might become impossible if you don't lay seed during this timeframe. You can see lasting results almost anytime during the growing season if you choose to lay sod instead, on the other hand.

Finally, the topography of your land will also play a part in determining which option is best for you. Most sod is composed of grass varieties that require a lot of sun. If your property has a lot of shady locations, grass seed is a better choice. If, on the other hand, your lawn is somewhat hilly, grass seed is likely to wash away in the rain before they can begin to grow. In that instance, use sod without question.

You might become overwhelmed trying to sort through all of the pros and cons of deciding how your lawn can be perfectly grown. Price, time and terrain are all you need to consider, though, to help you make the best decision under your specific circumstances.

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