

**SECTION 9.44
TOPSOIL**

9.44.01--Description: This work shall consist of furnishing, placing and shaping topsoil in areas shown on the plans or where directed by the Engineer. The topsoil shall be placed to the depth stated in the contract.

9.44.02--Material: The material shall conform to the requirements of Subarticle M.13.01-1.

9.44.03--Construction Methods : The areas on which topsoil is to be placed shall be graded to a reasonably true surface. Topsoil shall then be spread and shaped to the lines and grades shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer. The depth stated in the contract to which the topsoil is to be placed is that required after settlement of the material has taken place. All stones, roots, debris, sod, weeds and other undesirable material shall be removed. After shaping and grading, all trucks and other equipment shall be excluded from the topsoiled area to prevent excessive compaction. The Contractor shall perform such work as required to provide a friable surface for seed germination and plant growth prior to seeding.

During hauling and spreading operations, the Contractor shall immediately remove any material dumped or spilled on the shoulders or pavement.

It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to restore to the line, grade and surface all eroded areas with approved material and to keep topsoiled areas in acceptable condition until the completion of the construction work.

9.44.04--Method of Measurement: This work will be measured for payment by the number of square meters of area on which the placing of topsoil has been completed and the work accepted.

9.44.05--Basis of Payment: Payment for this work will be made as follows:

1--Furnishing and Placing Topsoil: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square meter for "Furnishing and Placing Topsoil" which price shall include all materials, equipment, tools, labor and work incidental thereto.

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Furnishing and Placing Topsoil	m ²