

# Board Support for School Ground Greening

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**Contact us!**

For information about getting started, project planning advice, and resources to support your project, call the School Ground Greening Consultant at 416.395.2960.  
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The school ground greening team offers schools guidance in planning and designing their school grounds for play and learning.

▶ **Support is provided to the schools through:**

- advice to schools engaged in the school ground greening planning process
- on-site Design Consultations and review of all plans and drawings
- on-line Evergreen resources  
<http://www.evergreen.ca/en/resources/schools/start.sn>

▶ **Working with the Board**

All landscaping that entails the building of structures, use of power tools or heavy machinery, the removal of asphalt, or planting of large caliper trees, must be done by unionized TDSB Grounds or Design and Construction staff. These trees can be ordered through a notification that the caretaker submits to the area Grounds Team Leader. If trees (or other materials that require heavy machinery to install) are purchased from private suppliers, contact Grounds Standards Design Co-ordinator Bruce Day for a quote on the cost of installation at [bruce.day@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:bruce.day@tdsb.on.ca).

▶ **Trees**

Trees purchased from the TDSB come with a one-year guarantee and are planted with heavy equipment by Board employees. Cost includes tree cages and mulch provided at the time of planting. Mulch must be replenished annually by the school. See pages 94-95 for mulch ordering details.

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### ► Tree replacement

If trees that have been planted by Board staff die or are damaged, and if they meet TDSB standards for replacement, the Board will replace them. Please ask school's caretaker to contact the Family Team Leader to inquire about your tree replacement needs.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:  
Tree sizes**

TDSB standards for the size of trees are 70-75 mm caliper\* for deciduous trees, and 2.5-3 m in height for evergreens.

\* The caliper of the tree is the measurement of the diameter of the trunk at chest level.

### ► Tree prices

All costs are subject to change; please confirm costs by contacting your school's Grounds Team Leader before you order your trees.

#### Planting in turf

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| Deciduous trees (with mulch and trunk protection) | \$750 |
| Coniferous trees (with mulch)                     | \$750 |

#### Planting in asphalt

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| Deciduous trees (includes asphalt removal, turf stone, and trunk protection) | \$1700 |
| Coniferous trees   | \$1700 |

### ► Project materials

The Board can provide other materials necessary for school ground greening projects. Through the Design Consultation you will find out who to call to get a quote on: mulch, built structures, benches, timber planters, shade shelters, rocks, chess rocks, soil amendments, compost, sand, and Triple Mix.

**Note:** All prices are subject to change.