



“NIFTY 4 - FIFTY” BIG ROLL

ADVANTAGES:

Huggett Sod Farm, Inc. utilizes the results of studies done on seed varieties by the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program. The study is based on the overall performance of the seed varieties for our region. HUGGETT'S “Nifty 4 - Fifty” Big Rolls will allow a crew of 2 – 3 to install 2) semi-truck loads of sod per day – at a profit. It takes much less labor to lay and in turn, cuts your overhead. These Big Rolls change the nature of the labor. There are no hands and knees work, the only bending is to trim or cut the strips to length. The key is a metal bracket we supply for installation. It fits either on the tines of a forklift or onto a three –point hitch. One man drives the machine to unroll the sod and the other slides it into position with a garden rake. The technology works well for larger open areas. On slopes, it requires fewer stakes to hold strips in place.

The “Nifty 4 - Fifty” Big Roll is comprised of twin rolls of sod (2' x 112.5') each. The sod is cut, using a custom built harvesting machine with two side-by-side cutter heads, which rolls up the sod as the cutter passes. They are rolled side by side on a core. At the center of each roll, is a core of stiff tubing, 6” in diameter. The bracket fits through the core and onto the tractor or forklift, which unrolls the sod as it rolls along.

On sports fields the longer strips are less likely to be pulled loose by athletic activity. And there are considerably less seams, making it easier to butt seams and reducing the possibility of edges drying out. The University of Michigan installed our “Nifty 4 - Fifty” Big Roll on their football field on Friday and played on it Saturday of the following week. We have supplied the Detroit Tiger Stadium with sod for field repairs for nearly 25 years. One of the years, after the baseball season ended, the entire stadium's turf was redone using HUGGETT'S “Nifty 4 - Fifty” Big Rolls.

Some other fields that have used HUGGETT'S “Nifty 4 - Fifty” Big Rolls are: Toledo Mudhens-baseball, Huntington Woods Park-soccer, City of Clawson-soccer, Mitchell Field in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Arthur Hill School in Saginaw-athletic field, Swan Valley High School-baseball, Utica Schools-football field.

Contractors use the Big Rolls on State and Federal road projects. It is especially stable on a steep embankment along an expressway.

Golf course uses include: bunkers, around sand traps, pond banks and on fairways.

SPECIFICATIONS:

NUGGETT & II ON PEAT: Our bluegrass is a blend of Midnight, Blacksburg, Unique and other elite bluegrasses which are chosen for their dark color, disease resistance & tolerance to heavy traffic and drought, which makes it our choice for the 450-foot rolls.

- 4' wide x 112.5' long = 450 square feet (4' wide with a center cut)
- Approx: 1300 – 2000# per 450 square feet
- 4' long heavy-duty center tube. Deposits: tubes \$12.00 each – refundable
- Laying bracket attaches to a category 2-3 pt hitch or fork tines of a skid steer. Rent @ \$2.50/roll plus \$1,000.00 deposit OR purchase @ \$1,000.00.

Laying Instructions: The bracket attaches to the forks of a skid steer or the 3pt hitch of a tractor. Place heavy cross bar in center tile tube of big roll. Drive up to roll with laying bracket attached to equipment, hook cross bar and lift. Drive over to area to unroll sod, line up with grade and lower roll. Flip ends of sod down on the ground and pull away with equipment, unrolling sod as you go. (After the first roll or two, the driver of the equipment will get to know what tension is needed to unroll sod smoothly.) One or two persons on the ground will stand along side the laid sod with metal rakes and line up long edges of sod with previously laid roll. The center cut makes it easier to move 2' wide strips across instead of 4' wide strips.