

DIVISION 32 – EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

SECTION 32 91 00 – SOIL PREPARATION

PART 1: GENERAL

1.01 Scope of Standard

- A. This standard provides general guidance concerning the specific preferences of the Texas State University for Soil Preparation.
- B. Texas State University recognizes that project conditions and requirements vary, thus precluding the absolute adherence to the items identified herein in all cases. However, unless there is adequate written justification, it is expected that these guidelines will govern the design and specifications for Texas State University projects.

1.02 General

- A. Excavate all beds minimum depth of 9", and no deeper than plant material root balls. Remove all excavation from site and dispose. Unless reuse of this material is approved by Director of Grounds Operation or delegate.
- B. Excavate larger planting holes, such as for trees, 12" wider than the root ball on all sides, but no deeper than the rootball.
- C. Excavate turf areas to depth of 8" minimum.
- D. Beds will be excavated to Native Soil Level or acceptable level approved by Director of Grounds Operations or delegate. All backfill for beds, in other words "Base" material below the Garden-Ville Mix, is to be weed free.

PART 2: PRODUCTS

- A. Topsoil: Import topsoil to be high quality imported topsoil of loamy character, high in humus and organic content. Topsoil to be reasonably free from clay lumps, coarse sands, stones, roots, and other foreign matter, including weeds and weed seeds. There shall be no toxic amounts of alkaline or acid elements. Submit sample for Landscape Architect and Director of Grounds Operations or delegate approval.
- B. Approved Planting Mix for Turf areas: "Lawn and Garden" from Ga or approved similar from another soil providing company.
- C. Approved Planting Mix for Beds: "Lawn and Garden" from Gardenville or similar, planting mix, must be weed free.

PART 3: EXECUTION (NOT USED)

END OF SECTION 32 91 00