

Gardening math made easy

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First, we must convert all the numbers into same type of measurement.

5 inches = 0.417 ft.

Now we can add our measurements into the equation.

$Length \times Width \times Depth = Volume \text{ of soil we need.}$

10 ft. x 5 ft. x 0.417 ft. = 20.85 cubic ft.

Soil is sold in bulk by the cubic yard or in bags by kilo. Convert the 20.85 cubic ft into the appropriate measurement. With this information, you can compare prices too.

Area equations are used in gardening when determining how many plants, sod, seed, or fertilizer an area needs.

How many rolls of sod will I need to sod a rectangular area 10 ft long and 5 ft wide?

Add our numbers into the equation.

$Length \times Width = Area \text{ of sod needed}$

10ft x 5ft = 50 square ft

The area of one roll of sod is 8 square ft.

50 square ft / 8 square ft = 6.25 rolls of sod, or 7 rolls of sod needed.

To plan your garden before spring, you must consider more than just choosing the prettiest flowers or most delicious vegetables. Draw a small sketch of the yard with measurements. You can use this plan to decide how many flowers, vegetables, seed, fertilizer, soil, stone, wood, fencing, water, and the list goes on—you will need. Know this before you go to the garden centre, and have fun shopping!

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Go solar on your pool and save money

Did you know that there are something like 600,000 backyard swimming pools in Canada? And that Canadians spend more than \$20-million a year on non-renewable fuels such as natural gas, propane, oil and electricity to heat these pools?

Given the ever-rising price of non-renewable fuels, the cost to heat a swimming pool is, today, more expensive than ever.

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