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Patterned after a Maryland-Virginia publication, the first of its kind, the New England booklet is available to architects, landscape and general contractors, building committees, grounds maintenance supervisors and homeowners. Copies are available from New England Sod Producers' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 6364, Sta. A, Hartford, Conn. 06106.

The five sections in the 16-page booklet consider: Specifications for subsoil preparation where topsoil is to be added; specifications for topsoil material and application; specifications for fertilizer and lime materials and final soil preparation; specifications for sod materials and installation; and specifications for maintenance of installed sod.

An appendix recommends varieties of turfgrasses best suited for the New England area.



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