



The Ultimate Guide to Home Putting Greens

Your backyard, upgraded.



INTRODUCTION

If there's one thing I've learned after years of working with families across the South, it's that our backyards mean more to us than just a patch of grass. They're where stories unfold, games are played, and memories are built. I started Lone Star Turf with a simple goal: to help folks turn ordinary yards into their favorite place to unwind, entertain, and yes, sharpen up that putting game.

You don't have to be a golf fanatic to enjoy a putting green at home (though we've worked with a few!). What matters most is having a space that fits your life. One that's easy to maintain, fun to use, and a point of pride every time you step outside.

In this guide, you'll learn what makes a true putting green different from regular turf, what goes into a fair and transparent quote, and how our team walks you through every step. I've also answered some of the most common questions our clients ask as they weigh their options.



If you're curious about just how simple, beautiful, and enjoyable a backyard putting green can be, read on. And whenever you're ready, we'd be proud to help you make it happen.

Here's to your next great shot, right at home.

Warm regards,

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WHY A PUTTING GREEN IS DIFFERENT

Not Just Any Turf: The Science of a Perfect Putt



When picturing a backyard putting green, you might imagine it's just landscape turf trimmed short. In reality, a true putting green is an entirely different creation. Engineering, craftsmanship, and a golfer's eye all coming together to deliver that satisfying "real course" roll. Here's what sets a professional putting green apart from regular synthetic grass:

- **Precision Surface, Real Feel:** Putting green turf is designed specifically for ball roll. It's denser, lower-pile, and built over a carefully compacted base, giving you a consistent, true roll.
- **Built to Your Game:** Different turf products and infills allow you to customize ball speed and spin. Design details like undulations, cups, and fringe offer even more personalization.
- **Engineered for Durability:** Putting green installations use specialty infill and a multi-layered base to stay level, dry quickly, and resist unintended dips and divots.
- **Designed for Living:** All our putting green products are pet-safe, family-friendly, and UV-stabilized to stay gorgeous season after season.

"Was really pleased with the turn out of my putting green. The green itself is really high quality and has a great roll and pace to it. Highly recommend these guys. Quick and efficient install process as well."

–Malik D.



TURF MATERIAL COMPARISON

What's under your putt?

Not all putting green turfs are created equal, and the material type plays a big role in how your green looks, feels, and performs. Here's a quick overview of the three most common turf fibers used in putting greens, and how they compare:

Polyethylene

Feel: Soft & natural underfoot

Ball Performance: Ideal for short roll & casual play

Durability: Moderate; UV-resistant and kid-friendly

Best for: Homeowners wanting a realistic look and family-friendly surface that balances softness and playability. While not as rigid as nylon, it still provides a smooth, consistent roll when properly infilled.

Nylon

Feel: Firmer & more textured

Ball Performance: Ultra-fast greens with true roll

Durability: Highest; resists both heat and heavy wear

Best for: Golfers seeking the gold standard for a pro-level putting experience. Ideal for avid golfers or those building a dedicated practice space with contour and spin realism.

Slit Film

Feel: Dense & less natural

Ball Performance: Highly customizable with infill

Durability: High; holds shape even under frequent use

Best for: Installs where precision matters most. Calibrate performance using the amount of infill for holding long-distance shots, producing backspin, and mimicking tournament-style conditions.



Pro Tip:

The material is just one part of the equation. Infill, base construction, and installation technique are what truly bring your putting green to life. Our team will help you choose the right turf based on how you plan to play.



PRICING QUOTES

You've started researching backyard putting greens, and by now you've probably seen a wide range of prices and promises. So what really determines the cost, and what should you look for in an honest, comprehensive quote?

Key Factors That Influence Pricing

- **Size & Shape:** The footprint of your green and any unique layout considerations.
- **Site Preparation:** Removing old grass, leveling, correcting drainage, and laying a stable base (all crucial for lasting performance).
- **Design Details:** The number of holes, contours, fringe or chipping areas, and any custom touches will affect both material and labor.
- **Product Selection:** True putting green turf is engineered for putting performance and longevity. Expect different price points for landscape turf vs. pro-grade putting surfaces.
- **Installation Quality:** Experienced installers deliver smooth surface preparation, seamless edges, and attention to every detail, which can impact the upfront price but also long-term satisfaction.

What a Quality Quote Should Include:

- A thorough assessment and design consultation.
- A clear design plan reflecting your priorities (speed, play features, landscaping tie-ins).
- All labor, materials, and installation steps outlined—no hidden fees.
- Post-installation support, and care or maintenance guidelines.

✓ Warranties Matter

Before you choose an installer, ask about both installation workmanship warranties and turf manufacturer product warranties. Know what's covered and for how long.

💰 Comparing the Numbers

Sometimes a quote that looks lower upfront may cut corners on prep, turf quality, or follow-up service. Look for transparency, confidence, and strong customer reviews, not just the best price.

HOW IT WORKS: FROM DESIGN TO INSTALLATION

What to expect when installing a backyard putting green

You're already exploring the idea of a backyard putting green, so now it's time to get clear on what happens next. Whether you're still gathering information or ready to meet with an installer, understanding the standard steps in the process will help you feel more confident and prepared.

- **On-site Estimate**

A turf installer visits your home, asks about your family, pets, and goals, inspects the site, and answers all your questions.

- **Custom Quote**

You get a written plan with options (turf type, infill, warranty, pricing), so you're always in control.

- **Scheduling & Prep**

Old grass is removed, yard is graded, and a compacted stone base is built. This gives a foundation for a smooth, long-lasting lawn.

- **Turf Installation**

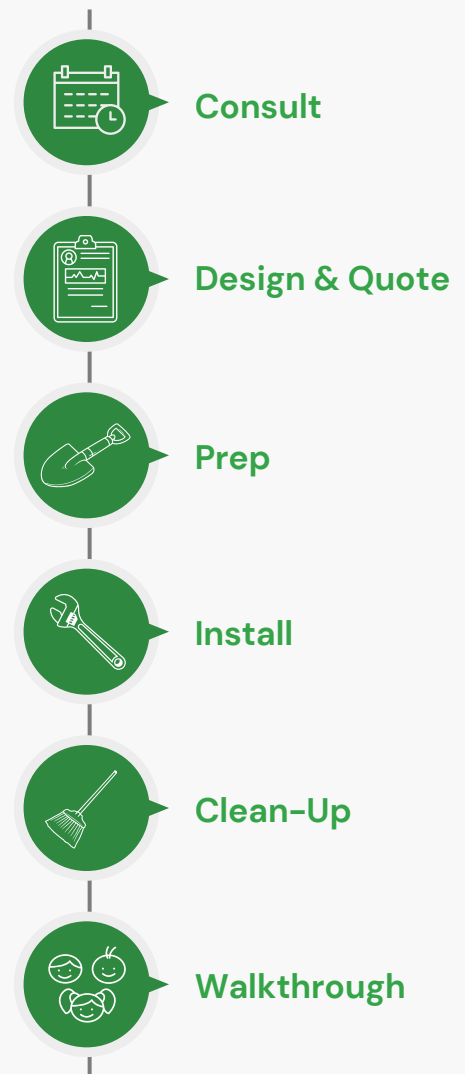
A professional crew rolls out and trims the turf, carefully seams and secures it, lays infill, and fluffs/blends to perfection.

- **Clean-Up & Inspection**

The site is left spotless—no scraps, no hazards. You walk the job with your artificial turf installer rep, checking every detail.

- **Timeline**

Most standard yards: 5–10 days from consult to “ready to enjoy.” Larger or more complex installations may take longer, but your installer will keep you in the loop every step.



OUR WORKMANSHIP WARRANTY

In an industry filled with empty promises and minimal guarantees, we're proud to offer an industry-leading installation workmanship warranty of up to 16 years.

What It Covers

- Installation workmanship defects
- Repair or replacement of faulty install components
- Full coverage for the original purchaser

What's Not Covered

- Damage to unmarked underground utilities
- Post-installation damage from people, pets, or vandalism
- Issues with irrigation systems or acts of nature (e.g. floods, fires)
- Reflective heat damage (like from windows)
- Turf product wear and tear (we always provide you with details of the manufacturer's warranty)
- Weed growth or site-specific conditions (like plumbing issues or HOA restrictions)



Pro Tip:

Ask for references, photos of recent projects, and clear details of what's included in the price. The right partner will ensure you feel supported from start to finish.

"Lone Star Turf proved to be a great company to work with. They were responsive to all of my questions or concerns prior to the work. The project manager, as well as the crew lead, were open to my feedback throughout the project. The workers were respectful and diligent. The finished product is exactly what I was hoping for. If any problems should develop, they provide warranty on their work. You can feel comfortable and confident about this company!"

–Jean S.

GET INSPIRED

Use this worksheet to think beyond grass and imagine your perfect putting green.

Bring the Game Home

A backyard putting green isn't just a luxury, it's a lifestyle upgrade. Whether you're fine-tuning your short game or creating a fun space for family and friends, the perfect green starts with a personal vision.

This worksheet is designed to help you map out your vision: the shape, size, and features that matter most to you. Don't worry about being exact — we'll help you bring it to life.

Print it out, sketch ideas, or fill it in digitally. Then, when you're ready, our expert team can turn your vision into reality, with premium turf, pro craftsmanship, and personalized service every step of the way.

Let's start designing your dream green.



Picture the Possibilities

1. Size: How much space do you have in mind?

Estimate: _____ sq. ft.

(Tip: 200–400 sq ft = simple green. 600+ = room for chipping, fringe, and features.)

2. Shape: Check off the shapes you like:

- Kidney Dogleg
- Oval L-Shaped
- Custom (describe or sketch below)

3. Number of Holes:

How many cups would you like to include?

- 1 2 3 4+

4. Extra Features to Consider: Which of these elements sound fun or functional?

- Fringe (longer grass edge)
- Chipping area / landing zone
- Multiple elevation levels
- Bunkers or sand traps
- Lighting for night play
- Paver border or stepping stones

5. Who Will Use It?

Who do you imagine enjoying this green?

(Kids? You? Friends? Airbnb guests? Clients?)

6. How Will You Use It? What's the goal?

- Casual fun with family & friends
- Practice your short game
- Build a pro-level training area
- Add curb appeal or wow factor

7. Backyard Vibe: What style fits your space?

- Sleek & modern
- Natural & organic
- Bold & statement-making
- Family-friendly and fun

8. What Else is in the Yard?

- Pool Garden beds
- Patio Kids' play area
- Firepit Pet run

9. Notes for Your Installer: Anything else we should know?

Sketch It Out: Draw your layout and add inspiration to create your dream mockup!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Does it really feel and play like real grass?

Absolutely. When installed properly using professional-grade putting turf, the ball roll, bounce, and speed closely mimic those of natural greens. Custom options let you adjust speed and contours for practice or pure fun.



How is putting green turf different from landscape turf?

Landscape turf is designed for softness, durability, and appearance. Putting green turf is much denser and lower-pile, engineered for consistent ball roll and minimal bounce.



Is it safe for kids and pets?

Yes. High-quality turfs are safe for kids and pets, as they are certified non-toxic and lead-free. A quality installer should be able to provide the official lab test results for added peace of mind.



How do you keep it clean?

Regularly sweep or rinse off leaves and debris. Most putting greens need little more than occasional brushing and a quick rinse to keep them tidy.



Can you customize the speed or play?

Definitely! Turf and infill selections, as well as design contours, all affect speed and challenge.



How long does it last? What if repairs are needed?

With proper installation and basic care, most putting greens last 10–20 years or more. Warranties (like Lone Star Turf's up to 16-year installation workmanship warranty) provide peace of mind, and minor repairs are typically straightforward.

Lone Star TURF



About Lone Star Turf

Lone Star Turf is your locally owned turf specialist, serving southern homeowners, pet owners, and businesses with pride. Our promise? You get a worry-free, beautiful yard the right way, every time. We're not a national chain or a fly-by-night installer. We're local Texans, building a reputation on trust, transparency, and work we're proud to show our own families.

Let's make your yard the highlight of your home and your story.

Mission

Lone Star Turf's mission is to deliver exceptional outdoor transformations that enhance lifestyles and surpass expectations. We achieve this through:

- **Expert Craftsmanship:** Our team of skilled professionals brings years of experience and a passion for quality to every project. We meticulously install premium artificial turf and landscaping features, ensuring flawless execution and long-lasting beauty.
- **Premium Artificial Turf Solutions:** We source the highest quality artificial turf products available, offering a wide range of options to suit every need and aesthetic. Our turf solutions are designed to be durable, low-maintenance, and environmentally responsible.
- **Commitment to Exceeding Customer Expectations:** We prioritize open communication, transparency, and personalized service. We listen to our clients' needs, collaborate on design, and keep them informed throughout the entire process. Our dedication to customer satisfaction drives everything we do.

OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity

- We uphold the highest ethical standards in all our interactions.
- We are honest and transparent in our communication and actions.
- We deliver on our promises and take responsibility for our work.
- We build trust with our clients, partners, and employees through ethical and responsible conduct.

Customer Satisfaction:

- We are dedicated to exceeding customer expectations.
- We actively listen to our clients' needs and strive to understand their vision.
- We provide personalized service and build lasting relationships.
- We go the extra mile to ensure our clients are thrilled with their outdoor spaces.
- We measure our success by the satisfaction and delight of our customers.

Growth:

- We embrace continuous improvement and innovation.
- We invest in our team's development and provide opportunities for growth.
- We seek new and better ways to serve our clients and enhance their outdoor spaces.
- We are committed to sustainable growth that benefits our employees, our community, and the environment.
- We strive to expand our reach and impact while maintaining our core values.

Get an On-site Estimate

Ready to chat, get a quote, or just want to talk through your yard's options?

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