

Parks and Open Space Division
Maintenance Standards Athletic Fields Neighbourhood – Ball Diamonds



(February 12, 2007)

Activity	Maintenance Guidelines	Current Minimum Standard	Full Maintenance Sweat Equity	Assisted Maintenance Sweat Equity	UFF funding Not in Sweat Equity Program
Mowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3" (75mm) height of cut - Uniform height of cut - No scalped turf or missed areas - Includes trim mowing 	Once every two weeks	Community Center Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Grass Infield Mowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3" (75mm) height of cut - Uniform height of cut - No scalped turf or missed areas 	Once every two weeks	Community Center Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 95% of athletic fields are non-irrigated - For irrigated sites city is responsible for spring hook up, charging of system, repair to components - City determines which irrigation sites to activate - City responsible for acquiring necessary permits - Community Center responsible for water bill 	Irrigate 1" of water per week for sites with irrigation	Community Center – operation City – start up and shut down	Community Center – operation City – start up and shut down	Community Center – operation City – start up and shut down
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applied evenly and uniformly, no missed areas 	Once every 2 years	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Aerating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uniform aeration throughout athletic field - No damage to turf, irrigation, or park features 	Once every 2 years	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Uneven Surfaces/ Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turf areas are repaired ensure safe surface 	As required	Community Center Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Pest/Rodent Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gopher control is provided by Pest Management as a high priority on a request basis (as per the gopher control policy) 	As required	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Turf Herbicide Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accordance with Weed Control Standards and Procedures. Submit request to Public Works Customer Service @ 986-7623 	As assessed by area Weed Inspector	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Non-Selective Vegetation Control (i.e. Round-up)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accordance with Weed Control Standards and Procedures and Pesticide Use Permit terms and conditions. 	As required	City Responsibility (Community Center option)	City Responsibility (Community Center option)	City Responsibility (Community Center option)

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Over seeding and Top Dressing (spot dressing only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Material provided by City - Playing surface must be level 	As required	Community Center Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Over seeding and Top Dressing (whole field)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playing surface must be level 	As determined by Superintendent (i.e. weather & use)	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Infield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eliminate ridge of aggregate along grass edge (base paths) - Scarification - Minor leveling of infield (City provides mix) 	Once annually	Community Center Responsibility	Community Center Responsibility	City Responsibility
Major Infield Renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter of request sent to City 	As approved subject to current capital budget funding	City Responsibility	City Responsibility	City Responsibility
Outfield Fence, Batters Boxes, Backstop and Chain Link Fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection and replacement 	As required/and approved	Community Center – maintains City - replacements	Community Center – maintains City - replacements	Community Center – maintains City - replacements
Pitching Mounds, Bullpens, Pitching and Plates, Bases, Dugouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconstruction to obtain proper distance, height and alignment - Prior to each event inspected for wear and/or hazards 	As required	Community Center Responsibility	Community Center Responsibility	Community Center Responsibility
Litter Pick-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playing surfaces are checked for litter, primarily for hazardous items such as broken glass, needles and sharps. - Receptacles to be emptied on a scheduled basis 	Once every two weeks (during mowing cycle)	Community Center Responsibility	Community Center Responsibility	Community Center Responsibility
Vandalism (above ground components)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Damage causing safety hazards (arson, structural field damage) addressed immediately. - Major graffiti is referred to the City removal program (T.A.G.) 	As required	Community Center Responsibility (minor repairs not requiring special equipment/ material)	Community Center Responsibility (minor repairs not requiring special equipment/materials)	Community Center Responsibility (minor repairs not requiring special equipment/materials)
Vehicular Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair ruts or damage to original specification 	As required	Community Center Responsibility (minor repairs not requiring special equipment/materials)	City Responsibility	City Responsibility