

Sawyer Park and Field Maintenance Specifications

Sawyer Park and Field has adopted organic turf care practices. The following specifications are recommended for organic cultural practices and must be followed accordingly.

Spring Clean Up

All Areas-

Any plow damage will be repaired.

All Turf / Grass areas will be tine thatched.

Clean Up shall be completed by April 15th.

Removal of all debris will consist of

- a) Turf/Grass areas
- b) Buildings
- c) Hard surfaces / Parking lot
- d) Drainage Swales
- e) Woodland Borders
- f) Trails
- g) Play area
- h) Planting beds
- i) Mulch areas

Mowing and Trimming

Athletic Fields –

Commercial mowers with mulching blades will do all mowing.

On occasion as directed by designated contact person collection of clippings may be required.

Weekly mowing will begin the last week of April and continue thru the last week of October.

The last 3 mowings of October the mowing heights shall be 2 ½ inches and the clippings shall be collected to assist with leaf debris.

Allow for 26-32 mowings of athletic fields to maintain proper mowing requirements.

Mowing height requirements are as specified
3 inches April, May, June, September, October
3 ½ inches July, August

All athletic fields are to be maintained in a clump free manner by means of blowing, cross cutting or manners deemed necessary.

At no time shall no more than 1/3 of the grass blade be cut in a single mowing.

Direction of mowing pattern shall change weekly.

Weekly Mowing must be performed and completed by 3pm on Wednesdays.

Common Grass Areas –

Commercial mowers with mulching blades will do all mowing.

Weekly Mowing will begin the last week of April thru the last week of October.

Mowing height requirement is specified as 3 1/2 inches all mowing season.

The last 3 mowings of October the mowing height shall be 3 inches and the clippings collected to assist with leaf debris.

All areas shall be maintained in a clipping free manner.

Meadow Area –

Will be mowed five times per season in June, July, August, September and October.

String Trimming –

Weekly Trimming will consist of the following

- a) All grass areas
- b) Stonewalls
- c) Hard surfaces
- d) Swales
- e) Fences
- f) Curbing
- g) Buildings
- h) Planting beds

Monthly Trimming will consist of the following

- a) Woodland borders
To be trimmed back 20 ft. from grass areas
- b) Pond bankings
- c) Skate Board Park area

Bi- Monthly Trimming will consist of the following

- a) Trails

Weed Edge / Mulch

Mulch will be provided.

Mulch shall not be applied at a depth greater than 1-½ inches.

Tree beds should maintain a consist diameter throughout the park.

All beds shall not be mounded and will maintain as flat a surface as possible.

All edging debris shall be removed from beds.

Mulching shall be completed by May 15th.

Weeding

All mulch beds will be maintained weed free throughout the entire season.

Pruning

Corrective Structural Pruning of trees only.

Privet hedge shall be done twice during the season (July, September)

Deadwood Pruning of shrubs only.

All pruning shall be completed by method of hand pruning with the exception of the privet and boxwood hedge.

Fall Clean Up

All Areas-

Removal of all debris will consist of

- a) Grass areas
- b) Buildings
- c) Hard surfaces / Parking Lot
- d) Drainage swales
- e) Woodland Borders
- f) Trails
- g) Play areas
- h) Planting beds
- i) Mulch areas

All perennials will be cut back and annuals will be pulled.

A final mowing will be part of the clean up.

Fall clean up is to be done the third week of November.

Miscellaneous

Debris and Grass Clippings –

All debris and grass clippings shall be hauled away. There will be no dumping on site.

Blowing –

All areas are to be blown off weekly during the mowing season consisting of.

- a) Parking lot
- b) Walkways and Hard surfaces
- c) Buildings
- d) Infields
- e) Warning Tracks
- f) Play Areas

Dragging-

The infields will be dragged and raked weekly with drag provided.

Communication-

Contractor is expected at all times to work in conjunction with the turf care and irrigation contractors in a professional manner to achieve the overall turf care program.

Equipment and Vehicles-

All equipment and vehicles that are used at the park shall be clean and free of clippings and debris from prior accounts. This is required to help maintain a chemical free facility.