Landscape Services

Safety Standard Operating Procedure

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Turf Maintenance Schedule

This SSOP provides guidance on the practices established for Landscape Bed Maintenance Schedule. As with any equipment or tools, the most basic premise for safe operation is reading and adhering to the manufacturer’s instructions and warnings. This SSOP is not a substitute for the owner’s manual produced by the manufacturer.

Safety Requirements: Caution signs and safety cones if needed.

PPE Requirements: Gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, closed toe shoe, safety vest (if working near roadside).

Schedule

January, February

• Mulch leaves within bermuda lawn spaces.
• Remove all other leaves by hand and transport to compost.
• Annual pre-emergent application to turf.

March

• Annual pre-emergent application to turf to be completed by end of month.

March, April

• Inter-seed fescue and fertilize with 50% slow-release fertilizer.

April, May

• Spring scalping of all bermuda grass lawns. Initial scalp will be at 2' for all bermuda lawns.
• Fertilizer application prior to lawn aerification.
• Lawn aerification after graduation.

June, July

• Additional lawn aerifications in compacted areas.

August

• Application of 100% slow-release fertilizer to bermuda lawns.

September, October

• Inter-seed fescue and fertilize with 100% slow-release fertilizer.
November, December

- Mulch leaves within bermuda lawn spaces.
- Remove all other leaves by hand and transport to compost.

Bermuda Mowing Frequency

- After initial spring scalp, bermuda lawns will be mowed as needed until the grass has fully transitioned.
- After full transition from dormancy, bermuda lawns will be mowed once per week in all zones, with the exception on LMZ10.
- LMZ10 will have a weekly rotation of customer properties and a bi-weekly rotation of GU properties.
- LMZ1, LMZ2, LMZ3, and LMZ5 will have a period of mowing properties two (2) times per week, through the months of June and July.
- Frequency will occur so that no more than 1/3” of the leaf blade is removed.
- See Riding Mower Operation for HOC.

Fescue Mowing Frequency

- Fescue will be mowed one to two times per week from April through May, depending on overall health.
- Fescue will be mowed no more than once per week from June through October.
- Fescue will be mowed as needed from November through March.
- Frequency will occur so that no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade is removed.
- See Riding Mower Operation for HOC.

Irrigation Frequency

- Irrigation frequency will occur weekly to bi-weekly through the winter months.
- Irrigation frequency through the growing season will be determined each day, based on all environmental factors, and forecasted weather.
- Irrigation frequency will occur to maintain the health of the turfgrass and meet visual expectations of aesthetics.
- Daily inspections throughout the week will assist in determining the rate of application, and to ensure overwatering does not occur.

Aeration

- Aeration will commence after Spring Graduation is completed.
- After plugs have been pulled from the lawn, time will need to elapse for the plugs to dry to a certain moisture content where they will pulverize with the pull-behind drag mat.
- Once the plugs have been pulverized, mowing the lawn to complete the pulverizing of the plugs will take place.

Overseeding

- Overseeding with ryegrass will occur on the PAC event lawn and the event lawn at the University house in September.
- Overseeding with fescue/ bluegrass will occur in April and September/ October.