

# TURF AREAS

## Ball Diamonds & Playing Fields



Parks and Ball fields are mowed weekly at 2 1/2 inches. In the interest of water conservation, clippings are left on the grass. Fertilization and Aeration are done twice a year in spring and fall using slow release fertilizer.

No pesticides have been used on turf areas this year. Previously fence lines were sprayed with glyphosate to cut down on string line trimming. It is questionable which is more harmful to the environment, the carbon released from trimmers or the pesticide.

The grounds are top dressed in the fall as the budget allows. Turf areas in Riparian zones is slowly being removed and replaced with native and low water usage plantings.

Park usage is being re-assessed to see if turf areas are being used, or if alternative ground covers can be used.

Water meters have been installed to accurately measure water consumption to establish a base line from which efforts at water usage reduction can be assessed. Irrigation systems are being improved as time permits.

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## Other Turf areas



Lambley Park.

Part of Harolds Walk. Contains the Tennis Courts. Parallels Hwy 97. Used daily by dog walkers, bocce players, Frisbee throwers, and picnics.

Cemetery

Mowed and maintained weekly by the Public Works crew.



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## Playgrounds



Managing Playgrounds involves a great deal more than grounds management.

Crew working in these areas monitor for safe conditions, identifying hazards, reviewing and following up on safety measures and documenting actions taken to correct possible hazards like:

- Protruding objects
- Areas where people can slip, trip and fall
- Deterioration, deformation and abrasion
- Effects of weather conditions (snow, ice, water)
- Wear, leaks, corrosion, scaling, erosion, cracks, rotting
- Improper function
- Playground equipment in good repair, no broken or abrasive hooks, seats, railings, sharp edges, stairs, borders, benches etc.
- Grass when mowed is checked for debris, broken glass and broken irrigation.
- Borders between grass and pathways are in good condition