



## Standards of Work

### Mowing:

- **APR-NOV** (2-5/mo)
- **DEC-MAR** (0-2/mo)
- Mowing frequency determines the health & appearance of a lawn.
- Proper mow height 2-2.5" to prevent scalping/burning & promote healthy growth.
- Keep mower blades sharp. This is critical to healthy lawns.
- Bag clippings and dispose of offsite.
- Alternate mowing pattern each mow to prevent ruts & soil compaction.
- Be cautious of leaving mower wheel ruts.
- Avoid mowing lawns that are too wet.
- Avoid walking on frozen lawns.

### Line Trimming:

- **APR-NOV** (2-5/mo)
- **DEC-MAR** (0-2/mo)
- Line trim lawn areas adjacent to poles, signs, bollards, trees, walls, and other obstacles.
- Perform trimming to the same height as mowing.
- Avoid damaging fence posts, bollards, signs or other obstacles with string line.

### Edging:

- **APR-NOV** (1-3/mo)
- **DEC-MAR** (0-1/mo)
- Avoid edging back-to-back weeks to prevent large gap between lawn & concrete areas.
- Curb edging to be performed with a blade type mechanical edger.
- Edge ground cover boarding sidewalks & curbs to maintain a neat appearance & prevent encroachment.
- Cuts should appear clean & straight.

### Fertilizer & Weed Mgmt.-Lawn:

- **MAR:** Moss Control & Fertilizer
- **MAY:** Weed Control & Fertilizer
- **AUG:** Fertilizer (only if irrigated)
- **NOV:** Weed Control & Fertilizer

### Aerating:

- **MAR/OCT:** Aerating

### Ground Cover Management:

- Trim ground cover boarding sidewalks & curbs to maintain a neat appearance & prevent encroachment.
- Prevent ground cover from growing up walls, buildings, signs, retaining walls and fences.
- Ground cover should not be allowed to touch or cover the crowns of shrubs, bushes, or trees.

### Bush & Shrub Management:

#### General Care:

- Check for damage, disease, fungus, insect infestation or appearance of being dead.

#### Pruning:

- *Avoid pruning if >90F or <32F.*
- **Evergreens:** MAY & JAN
- **Deciduous:** MAY & JAN
- **Boxwoods:** MAY & JAN
- **Rhododendrons:** APR
- Lightly trim stray branches and thinning cuts throughout grow season.
- Prune to maintain growth within space limitations, to maintain or enhance natural growth.
- Remove diseased and damaged growth.
- Prune or trim to permit unobstructed passage for residents or vehicles.
- Prune or trim near vehicle entry or exits to prevent sight restrictions.
- Prune or trim to conform with the design concept of landscape and neat appearance.
- Prune vines to control growth/direction & not allow to grow over windows, doors, or structural features.
- **Fertilization: APR: 12-6-6** (12% nitrogen, 6% phosphate, 6% soluble potash)

### Bed & Weed Management:

- **Every Visit:** Remove litter, leaves, rubbish, paper, bottles, and cans.
- **FEB-MAR:** Apply granular herbicide to ornamental beds.
- **OCT-NOV:** Apply granular herbicide to ornamental beds.
- Beds adjacent to lawn areas to be edged to maintain a neat & clean appearance.
- Rake beds to maintain a clean & neat appearance (1-2/month).
- All areas to be kept weed free.
- All areas to be inspected to weeds.
- Weeds should not be allowed to grow in paced areas such as sidewalks, driveways & curbs.



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### Tree Management:

#### General Care:

- Check trees for breakage, damage disease fungus, insect infestation or appearance of being dead.
- Watering basin of 8-12" diameter should be cleared and be properly maintained.
- **Pruning:**
- *Prune all trees <15' tall.*
- **APR-MAY:** Light prune when flowing stalks develop & before flowering.
- **FEB:** Heavy prune.
- **Deciduous:** Winter
- **Evergreens:** Early spring & late winter
- Allow trees to grow to the natural genetic form & size, unless otherwise approved by the customer.
- Prune to permit unobstructed passage for people & vehicles.
- Prune to prevent sight restrictions on playgrounds and near intersections.
- Prune branches to maintain 8' above sidewalks and 12' above vehicle areas.
- Remove suckers, waterspouts, rubbing and heavily laden branches.
- Prune branches 12" away from buildings, fences, and other structures.
- Remove diseased and damaged growth.

### Blowing & Debris Management:

- **Every Visit:** Remove litter, leaves, rubbish, paper, bottles and cans from the entire property.
- **Every Visit:** Blow or sweep all hardscape (i.e., sidewalks, patios, driveways & all levels of staircases).
- **Every Visit:** All debris disposed of off-site.
- **NOV-DEC:** Fall Leaf Clean Up

### Irrigation Management:

- **MAY-JUN:** Start Up & Evaluation
- **OCT-NOV:** Shut Down & Blow Out
- Report malfunctions to the customer immediately upon discovery.
- Watering schedule start time will be 5AM.
- Prevent grass, ground cover and weeds from growing over sprinkler heads.
- LawnPros will be responsible for repairs for damage caused by LawnPros.
- Repair cost for damage not caused by LawnPros will be paid for by the customer.
- Program watering schedule to maximize water usage to maintain growth/health/vigor of all landscaping.



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### Seasonal Flower Management:

- **APR & OCT:** Plant & Maintain flowers at signs, office area and planters.

### Water Feature Management:

- **Every Visit:** Clean skimmer box filters.
- **Every Visit:** Add antifoam/defoamer agent.
- **Every Visit:** Visual inspection of mechanical components.
- **As Needed:** Application of algaecide and water conditioner
- **As Needed:** Adjustments to water flow control valve.