

Overview

Parks and Forestry Operations maintain approx. 4,400 acres of turf within their 500+ parks, 370 sports fields, 11 cemeteries, 264 km of park trails and 300 hectares of roadside boulevard turf areas.

Grass Maintenance

Parkland Cutting

City parks and Community Services facilities are serviced based upon the following classifications:

Includes:	Destination Parks, Cemeteries, Community Centers, Libraries, Museums	Community Parks, Park Trails
Serviced	Once Per Week	Once Every Other Week

Sports Field Cutting

Sports fields are serviced based upon the following priorities:

	<i>Major Fields</i>	<i>Minor Fields</i>
Includes:	Fenced, irrigated and lit sports fields	Community park sports fields
Serviced	3 Times Per Week	Once Per Week

***Sports fields are serviced more frequently than parkland turf due to the height of grass required by sports groups.**

The Right Tool for the Right Job

Parks Operations is required to utilize three distinct crews and equipment to service parkland and sport field turf.

		
<p><i>Open Cut Crew</i></p> <p>Utilized to cut the largest areas of turf in parks and trails.</p>	<p><i>Turf Crew</i></p> <p>Complete all works that the Open Cut Crew cannot including trimming and hand mowing.</p>	<p><i>Sports Field Crew</i></p> <p>Only cut sports fields due to the required height of grass for sports groups</p>

***Any combination of crews may cut only certain sections while in a park with remaining works completed the following day. In cases of inclement weather cutting schedules may be adjusted.**

Leash Free (LF) Locations

A full closure of each LF is required to complete turf cutting safely. These closure dates are prescheduled, physically posted at LF entrances and provided to LF Groups prior to the turf cutting season.

Boulevard Turf Cutting

Forestry Operation's Contractors maintain multiple roadside boulevard turf areas as per the following schedule:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Apr&May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>
<i># of Cut(s)</i>	3	2	2	1	2	1	1

The City's Forestry team has a 2-week cycle for boulevards when the turf is actively growing in May, June, July and a 3-week schedule for August, October and November when growth slows down.

Trail Corridors

Forestry Operation's Contractors maintain multiple Trail corridors on Hydro One Network Inc. lands. Trail corridor meadow areas are generally maintained with 1 cut per month depending on seasonality growth.

Parks Operations Turf Cutting Crews maintain a 3ft area along the shoulder of the Trail corridors on Hydro One Network Inc. lands once every two weeks.

Waste/Recycling Collection

During months with peak park usage, Parks Operations provides peak service for waste containers at all parks, along trails, and park amenities such as spray pads, playgrounds and sports fields. All parks are serviced at minimum once per week. Destination parks and most picnic areas are serviced daily.

Online Mapping Application

To provide you with a better understanding of changes to waste collection in all of our parks, Maps for every park will be located online for your reference. Please visit <http://bit.ly/parkswaste> to access the interactive map.

Playgrounds/Spray pads

Dedicated playground staff help maintain the city's 266 Playgrounds. (30 Accessible, 6 all inclusive, 230 community play sites) Playgrounds are inspected monthly.

32 spray pads are inspected weekly

Please visit <https://www.mississauga.ca/events-and-attractions/parks/find-a-park/> to locate these amenities in parks across the city.

Vandalism/Graffiti

Parks staff received 145 Service requests resulting in 252 Work orders (2022) in relation to graffiti in city parks.

Staff work to identify, report and remove graffiti/vandalism in parks from service requests as well as any instances identified while in the parks.

Horticulture

Parks Operations maintains 1291 flower beds across the city. 520 of these are Class A beds, 771 are Class B beds and various natural areas and trails are Class C.

	Class A	Class B	Class C
Description:	Irrigated horticulture displays, building entrances, park ID signs, destination parks etc.	Beds along park pathways, small park ID signs, large shrub beds etc.	Natural areas and trails
Includes:	Annuals, perennials, shrubs & trees	Perennials, shrubs & trees	Shrubs & trees
Services:	Rototill, amend soil, plant, water, weed, cultivate, clean-up, deadhead, edge, fertilize, remove annuals, prune, and mulch	Amend soil, plant, water, weed, cultivate, clean-up, deadhead, edge, fertilize, prune, and mulch	Prune
Frequency:	At least once yearly <i>Monitored once every other week for additional work</i>	At least once yearly <i>Monitored monthly for additional work</i>	Yearly <i>Monitored once every three months for additional work</i>

