

Parks and Forestry Operations maintain over 4,200 acres of turf within their 500+ parks, 370 sports fields, 11 cemeteries, 393 km of park trails and 300 hectares of roadside boulevard turf areas.

Grass Maintenance Schedule information for 2025 Season

Parkland Cutting

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




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| Includes: | Destination Parks, Cemeteries, Community Centers, Libraries, Museums | Community Parks, Park Trails (within Park Boundaries) |
| Serviced | Once Per Week | Once Every Other Week |

Sports Field Maintenance & Important Dates

Sports fields are serviced based upon the following priorities. For more information on open and close dates please see the appendix.

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| | Major Fields | Minor Fields |
| Includes: | Fenced, irrigated, and lit sports fields | Community Park sports fields |
| Serviced | 3 Times Per Week | Once Per Week |

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

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| <p>Open Cut Crew Utilized to cut the largest areas of turf in parks and trails.</p> | <p>Turf Crew Complete all works that the Open Cut Crew cannot include trimming and hand mowing.</p> | <p>Sports Field Crew 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 & Important Dates

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. For more information on dates please see the appendix.

Boulevard Turf Cutting

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

| Month | April / May | June | July | August | September | October | November |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|
| # of Cut (s) | 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.

Hydro Trail Corridors

Operations' contractors maintain multiple Trail corridors on Hydro One Network Inc. lands. Trail corridor's open meadow areas are maintained with 1 cut per month, with a 3ft area along the shoulder of the trail being cut once every two weeks.

Waste/Recycling Collection

Parks have procured two new dual stream compactors, as they pose significant operational efficiencies to our team, budget efficiencies and positions us better as it relates to greening fleet strategy. These two new trucks will be introduced in the south in 2025.



During months with peak park usage, Parks Operations provides peak services 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.

Playgrounds/Spray pads

Dedicated playground staff help maintain the city's 267 Playgrounds. (30 accessible, 6 all inclusive, 231 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.

Canada Goose Monitoring Program

Over the next several weeks, the City will be executing its Goose management program to address the Canada goose population in Mississauga, with the following program elements:

- Monitoring – (in progress) this activity is completed throughout the City to understand areas of overpopulation

- Goose Relocation – this activity involves herding geese into pens and transporting to a bird sanctuary. Updates will be provided once we have a scheduled date

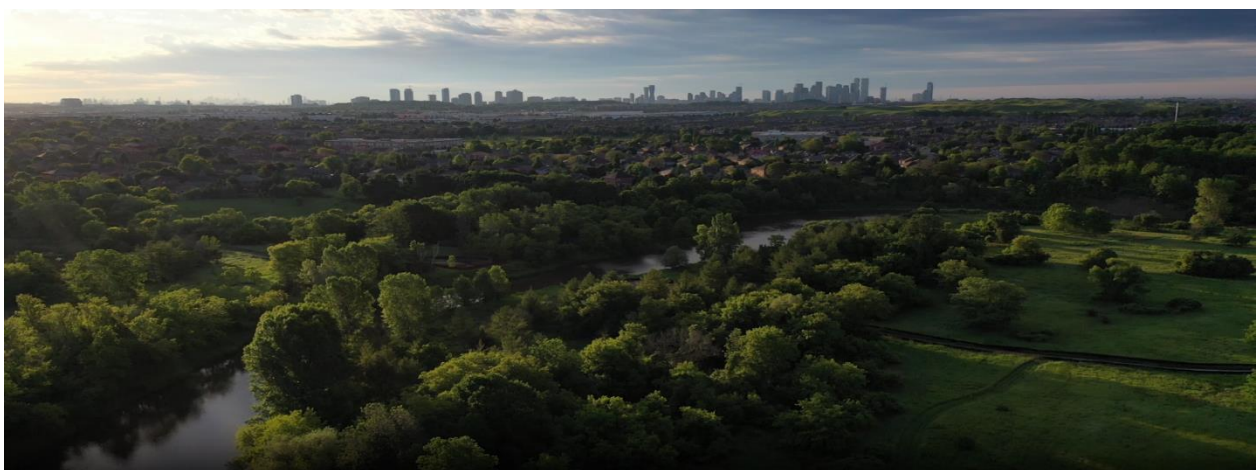
Like previous years, the City will be working with the following partners on this program

- Environment Canada – Canada Wildlife Services
- The Ministry of Natural Resources
- Jack Miner’s Migratory Bird Foundation Sanctuary (Kingsville Ontario)
- The Town of Oakville

Horticulture

Parks Operations maintain 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 |
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| 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 Monitored once every other week for additional work | At least once yearly Monitored monthly for additional work | As required |



Sports Field Important Dates

| Surface Type | LIT | | UNLIT | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Open | Close (last day) | Open | Close (last day) |
| Artificial Turf | Weather pending | Weather pending | n/a | n/a |
| Ball Diamond | May 3, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 | May 3, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 |
| Beach Volleyball | March 24, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 | March 24, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 |
| Bocce | March 24, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 | March 24, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 |
| Cricket Pitch | n/a | n/a | May 3, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 |
| Football Field | May 26, 2025 | Nov 1, 2025 | May 12, 2025 | Nov 1, 2025 |
| Soccer Pitch | May 19, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 | May 10, 2025 | Oct 5, 2025 |

- *All Opening and Closing Dates are weather permitting*
- *The City of Mississauga may decide to close specific unpermitted fields earlier than the listed closure date above*

Leash Free Important Dates

| Location | Day of Week | Scheduled Dates | Closure Time |
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| Quenippenon Meadows | Tuesdays | May 6, 20 June 3, 17 July 1, 15, 29 August 12, 26 September 9, 23 October 7 | 10 am to Noon |
| Totoredaca Park (2 signs) | Thursdays | May 8, 22 June 5, 19 July 3, 17, 31 August 14, 28 September 11, 25 October 9 | 7 am to Noon |
| Union Park (2 signs) | Thursdays | May 8, 22 June 5, 19 July 3, 17, 31 August 14, 28 September 11, 25 October 9 | 7 am to Noon |