

Chapter 06 | Lawn Mowing & Snow Removal

06.03 General Lawn Mowing Guideline

MOWING LINES

Abrupt changes in mowing lines should be avoided. When mowing up to and away from stationary objects or approved weed control areas, do so with smooth, curved, and gradual transitions so as not to produce a chopped or ragged look. At all year-round sites please consult your site-mowing plan for specific areas requiring lawn maintenance. Contact the Field Services Manager if you require a copy of current mowing plans for your site.

In general, a lawn maintenance cycle shall be completed approximately once per week with all lawn maintenance activities completed by Friday at 3:00 p.m. Mowing activities shall plan to commence weekly to achieve the desired outcome of appropriate height grass for the weekend. All elements of the lawn maintenance cycle shall be continued until completed. No partial mowing will be allowed unless the weather forces delays. If rain or wet turf conditions exist, the contractor shall finish the cycle as soon as favorable conditions exist.

During the mowing season, lawn within the site proper shall be maintained to a maximum height of 5 inches, minimum height of 3 inches. Review the mowing plans annually. Adjust areas to be mowed in the spring if necessary. Mowing season shall end when grass stops growing: RAM Program Manual Section 7.1.

RAKING

All grass areas shall be raked once in early spring, before the mowing season begins, to remove leaves, branches and other debris that may have accumulated on the premises during the winter. Grass areas shall be raked in the fall as needed to maintain the area in a proper and professional manner.

- Grass areas shall be edged along all walks and curb areas with a motorized edger to maintain a neat and professional appearance.
- Edging shall be no wider than 1/2 inch from the edge of the sidewalk/curb to the lawn surface. All edging debris shall be removed from the site.
- Shredded bark material shall be kept confined to the original mulch areas.
- All clippings shall be removed from sidewalks, concrete picnic table pads, parking areas, and flower and shrub beds.
- Grass shall be trimmed around all fixed objects at every mowing. Extreme care shall be used to prevent injury to fixed objects and trees.