Grounds Standard Services & Frequencies

The primary function of grounds services at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is to maintain an aesthetically pleasing and clean grounds environment on the New Brunswick campuses that are conducive to the mission of the University. Each geographic area presents unique grounds maintenance challenges that range from urban land and hard-scape areas to rural landscapes.

1. **Mowing Operations**
   - General Mowing: Weekly
   - Line Trimming: Weekly
   - Removal of Clippings: N/A

2. **Edging Operations**
   - Sidewalks and Curbs: Monthly
   - Shrub and Flower Bed: Yearly
   - Tree Rings: Yearly

3. **Weeding and Cultivating**
   - Manual Weeding: Monthly
   - Shrub Bed and Tree Rings Cultivating, Exposed Soil: Yearly
   - Shrub Bed and Tree Rings Cultivating, Mulched Areas: Yearly

4. **Fertilization and Chemicals**
   - Turf Fertilization: Twice Yearly
   - Turf Pre-emergent Crabgrass Control: As Needed
   - Turf Post-emergent Crabgrass Control: As Identified
   - Broadleaf Herbicide: As Identified
   - Turf Spot Weed Control: As Identified
   - Inspection of Turf for Insects and Diseases: Weekly
   - Shrub Bed and Tree Ring Pre-emergent Weed Control: As Needed
   - Post Emergent Weed Control: As Identified
   - Tree, Shrub and Groundcover Fertilization: As Needed
   - Annual Flower and Perennial Flower Fertilization: As Needed
   - Inspection of Plants for Insects and Diseases: Weekly

5. **Pruning**
   - Shade Trees: Yearly
   - Evergreen Trees: Yearly
- Ornamental Trees      Yearly
- Deciduous Shrubs      Yearly
- Evergreen Shrubs      Yearly

**Pruning cont.**

- Woody Groundcover      Yearly
- Rejuvenation Pruning    As Identified
- Renovation Pruning      As Identified

6. **Cleaning Procedures**

- Police for Debris      Daily
- Spring and Fall Cleanup Twice Yearly
- Walks and Curbs        Daily

7. **Turf Renovation**

- Dethatching            Yearly/As Needed
- Core Aeration           Yearly/As Needed
- Topdressing and Overseeding Yearly/As Needed
- Slit Seeding            Yearly/As Needed

8. **Turf Renovation**

- Watering Establishing Turf Areas As Needed
- Watering New Sodded Areas   As Needed
- Newly Seeded Lawns         As Needed
- Watering of Trees, Shrubs and Groundcover As Needed
- Watering of Annual and Perennial Flowers As Needed

9. **Turf Renovation**

- Routine Soil Testing Every Third Year
- Flower and Perennial Maintenance Daily
- Site Inspection with Report Monthly