



LAWN CARE STANDARDS

Mowing:

All turf areas shall be mowed and maintained in accordance with the posted mowing schedule. Changes in weather conditions and climatic factors may affect the schedule. The lawn Care Area Team is to make all efforts to maintain the grass height to within a one half inch (1/2") tolerance of the cutting heights. All detention and/or retention areas/ponds grass shall be cut by Grounds Services to a uniform height of 3.5" during May through October. Areas that cannot be mowed using a large mower due to slope or contour shall be mowed with the appropriate size equipment. The Area Lawn Care Crew shall make every effort not to cause "scalping" while mowing any area. Mowing will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Edging:

The edging shall be done for all such areas as sidewalks, curbs, parking lot, flowerbeds, shrub beds and around the bottom of trees. This is to be done as necessary to maintain neat and orderly appearance. The edging cut shall exceed neither 1.5" in depth nor 1/4" in width. Line trimmers (such as weed eaters) are not acceptable equipment for this task. Edging will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Trimming:

All turf areas shall be trimmed evenly around areas such as tree bases (being particularly careful not come in contact with tree bark), building perimeters, fence lines, etc. to maintain a neat and orderly appearance. The trimming shall be approximately 16" in width and shall match the height of adjoining grass. Note: It is imperative that all fence lines be weed free and maintains a neat and orderly appearance. Environmentally safe chemicals are to be used to keep fence lines free of weed. The chemical kill line shall not exceed four (4) inches. MSDS (materials safety data sheets) for all chemicals used in the performance of this work and a log of the dates and locations the chemicals are applied shall be maintained by Plant Operations and Maintenance. Trimming will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.



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Raking:

Any time the grass clippings clump or “wind-row” due to excessive height, it is to be raked and removed so as to leave the turf in a well-manicured condition. Raking will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Pruning:

All Plants and trees shall be neatly pruned and/or clipped to preserve the natural character and in a manner appropriate for each plant. Broken or bruised limbs shall be removed with a clean cut; all clippings shall be taken up and properly disposed of. Trimming required on trees or palms over eight (8) feet high will be performed by PO&M Grounds as needed to maintain a natural shape. Pruning will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Cleaning the Property After Mowing:

All areas, (streets, sidewalks, patios, hallways, dock areas, etc) are to be cleaned free of leaves, mulch, grass and any other debris by means of blowers, or any other means necessary to insure a clean property. Cleaning will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Litter and Debris Removal:

During regular maintenance procedures, such as mowing and pruning, debris will be deposited at the work site. This debris will be removed by the Area Lawn Care Crew. It is the school custodial team’s responsibility to maintain a normal trash pickup and to continue to clean up such high activity areas such as athletic fields, parking lots and school grassed areas.

Flower Bed Mulch:

The Area Lawn Care Team is not responsible for purchasing landscape mulch. Landscape mulch, that is placed in and around flower beds, may be spread by the Area Lawn Care Team at the time flower beds are being weeded if the mulch is provided by the School.



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Insect and Weed Control:

Herbicides and Pesticides should be applied on an as needed basis, following manufactures instructions. MSDS (material safety data sheets) must be provided for all chemicals used on the site along with dates listed on the checklist when these chemicals were applied. These Safety Data Sheets are to be sent to Districts Risk Management Department. Spraying Herbicides and Pesticides will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew and Custodial Services.

Removal of Dead / Dying plant Life:

The Lawn Care Crew is responsible for removing all dead and dying plant life. It will be the responsibility of the School to replace plants. Removal of dead, fallen trees and large branches over eight (8) feet in height/length are the responsibility of PO&M Ground Services.

Flower Beds:

All Flowerbeds shall be weeded on an as needed basis. The use of chemical weed killer to maintain the flowerbeds must receive prior approval of the Custodial Supervisor. Replacement of flowers, trees, shrubs bushes, or other plants will be responsibility of the School and at no cost to the Plant Operations and Maintenance.

Herbicide Limitations:

Round up or equal may be used to kill vegetation in areas as listed below that are not accessible with conventional lawn care equipment. The resulting dead vegetation must be removed from the premises in order to maintain a well groomed appearance. Herbicides may be used in the following areas, under the conditions listed:

- a. Along the outer fence lines of the campus, provided that the kill line does not exceed four (4) inches.
- b. Inside the small fenced utility areas provided that the kill line remains inside the fence.
- c. Along buildings for weed control, provided that the kill line is not noticeable and the lack of vegetation does not promote any washout.



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Cleanup Requirements:

Clean up shall include the initial mowing and lawn care services required to bringing the campus up to an acceptable groomed appearance.

The clean up may also include the following:

- a. All Fence lines shall be cleaned of all plant growth including all small utility fenced areas.
- b. All trees under (8') and scrubs up to (3 ½') shall be properly groomed and shaped.
- c. All flowerbeds shall have plants groomed and weeds removed.
- d. All street edges, curbs, and sidewalks shall be groomed and maintained.

Cleanup will be performed by the Area Lawn Care Crew.

Commercial Debris Pickup:

Schools that, overtime pile up campus debris shall use the School board of Brevard County Commercial Solid Waste Contractor, Waste Management for yard-waste pickup. Waste Management charges a \$150 flat rate for yard waste pick up.

Custodian(s) are to put the yard trash in an area that is accessible to the claw truck then call or email Waste Management Customer Service 1-800-433-2300 / FL-ICR@wm.com