

Riverbank Park Standards

City Wide, Riverbank Parks or Special Use Parks are heavily utilized during the summer months for both large and small special events. It is this continual usage that necessitated these service level standards. These standards are to be used as guidelines, and are intended to expedite the rejuvenation of the turf areas.

The parks include, Victoria, Rotary, Friendship, North/South Kiwanis Memorial and Kinsmen Parks.

PARK FERTILIZATION

SPRING – third week of May

SUMMER – two applications, third or fourth week of June (1/2 rate) and July (1/2 rate)

FALL – third/fourth week of October

Frequency/Timing of Applications/Suggested Fertilizer Types

- Riverbank Park irrigated turf areas four times per season:
 - Mid May with slow release fertilizer (i.e. 25 - 4 - 12)
 - Late June and late July with slow release fertilizer (i.e. 25 - 4 - 12)
 - Late October with slow release fertilizer (i.e. 25 - 4 - 12)

NOTE: Fertilizer applications are required after all major events, and may not coincide with the four (4) scheduled applications.

AERATION

Schedule

SPRING – third week of May (in conjunction with 1st fertilizer application)

SUMMER – third/fourth week of June (in conjunction 2nd fertilizer application)

SUMMER - third/fourth week of July (in conjunction with 3rd fertilizer application)

FALL – third/fourth week of September or first/second week of October

NOTE: Aeration should coincide when adequate soil moisture conditions exist, and may not coincide with fertilizer applications.

Frequency

- Turf areas to be aerated four times per season in conjunction with fertilizer applications.

***NOTE:** Aeration is carried out after each major special event and therefore may not coincide with the four (4) scheduled aerations.*

MOWING

Schedule

- The standard mowing season is from May 15th to September 15th.

Note: The mowing season is weather dependent and may not coincide with standard mowing season.

Mowing Heights

- Riverbank Park Turf - 2.5" - 3"

Frequency

- Riverbank park turf is mowed on a once/week schedule.
- Mowing may occur more frequently than the scheduled once/week, as mowing should be prior to each special event.
- All excess turf clippings should be removed prior to the event.

Topdressing/Overseeding

- Meewasin rink site should be topdressed and overseeded annually.
- Areas requiring topdressing and overseeding should be completed, following each special event.

IRRIGATION

- The irrigation standard of 1"/week is to be adhered to during regular usage of the Riverbank Parks.
- After special events, the irrigation standard is to be increased to 1.5"/week to enhance turf recovery.