



INSPECTION LIST FOR TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

Done as needed?	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	
				GENERAL MANAGEMENT
				Turf Manager uses maps or aerial view of field to note field conditions, turf wear, pest incidence, drainage issues, etc.
				An IPM policy is in place and used as a guideline for maintenance and treatments
				Clear expectations have been established between turf manager, district, athletic director and community organizations
				a clear pesticide use policy is known by district personnel and revisited annually as well as any time that municipal laws change
				Staff understand and have access to any notifications of pesticide use by in-house staff or contracted pest control personnel
				Records of any pesticide application are available and detailed.
				Managed sites are checked on a regular basis for pest presence, density and damage
				Turf manager is proactive in treating anticipated pest problems by consulting past records and anticipating upcoming stresses such as weather or tournament
				Turf manager regularly inspects turf on high end fields for signs of pests
				Irrigation system is inspected
				irrigation problems are documented and dealt with in a timely manner
				drainage problems are dealt with in a timely fashion
				Turf grass species and variety is known and assessed when overseeding is considered
				Soil tests are done on a regular basis
				Soil fertility is tested and corrected
				Action is taken promptly to improve a turfgrass issue that is causing unsafe footing for athletes.
				Options are in place to adjust field use when the field is in poor shape or facing extended damage.
				A turfgrass pest incident report is kept



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				Notes:
				SPECIFIC CONDITIONS
				Any incidence of lawn mower damage or scalping?
				Any incidence of dry spots or overwatering (irrigation problems)
				Any incidence of compaction from vehicle traffic or general foot traffic
				Any incidence of grass choice not optimal for soil and use conditions
				Any incidence of too much shade
				SCOUTING FOR PESTS
				Is there use of maps, clearly designate a field or site by a name that will not be confused by personnel and contractors over the years?
				Is there a method for doing a close, visual examination of the turf? (You will want to cover all parts of the field consistently each time you inspect it. Walking in a serpentine pattern is generally effective)
				Is there a designated person consistently doing the inspecting? (they will be more aware of visual changes from month to month)
				Is scouting frequent enough? (Some areas will need a weekly visit, others monthly)
				Is a scouting kit used? (includes: maps, collection jars or envelopes, tweezers, a optical loupe or magnifier)
				Does scout have a general understanding of life cycle and habitat conditions of insect, weed and disease pests likely in your are? (SEE ** Turf pests by month/Season)
				Does scout vary the time of day? (may see disease and insect activity under different conditions)
				Is there scheduled examinations of turf and soil for specific insects and diseases? (Based on general ideas when to look for pest incidence)
				Does scout use a cup-cutter or shovel to search for larvae?
				Does scout use a soapy water flush system to search for turf insects? Note: not all turf pests will respond to a soapy flush
				Is scout familiar with turf weeds and able to identify them?