

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	1
				Clear expectations have been established between turf manager, district, athletic director and community organizations	2
				A clear pesticide use policy is known by district personnel and revisited annually as well as any time that municipal laws change	3
				Staff understand and have access to any notifications of pesticide use by in-house staff or contracted pest control personnel	4
				Records of any pesticide application are available and detailed	5
				Managed sites are checked on a regular basis for pest presence, density, and damage	6
				Turf manager is proactive in treating anticipated pest problems by consulting past records and anticipating upcoming stresses such as weather or tournament play.	7
				Turf manager regularly inspects turf on high end fields for signs of pests	8

				Irrigation system is inspected	9
				Irrigation problems are documented and dealt with in a timely manner	10
				Drainage problems are dealt with in a timely fashion	11
				Turfgrass species and variety is known and assessed when overseeding is considered	12
				Soil tests are done on a regular basis	13
				Soil fertility is tested and corrected	14
				Action is taken promptly to improve a turfgrass issue that is causing unsafe footing for athletes.	15
				Options are in place to adjust field use when the field is in poor shape or facing extended damage.	16
				A turfgrass pest incident report is kept	17
				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 designating 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, an 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 area? (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 about 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?	