



Field Maintenance:

Grass cutting: 1x – 2x per week...cut at 2.5" in spring and fall and 3-3.5" in hot summer months, using 2 – 3 different patterns.

Grooming/dragging field: 3x – 4x per week but ideally daily using different patterns and entering and exiting the field in different spots every time.

Filling in holes at batters boxes, pitchers mound & in front of all bases: After each use

Edging: every other week or as needed

Rototilling clay: every other year or as needed

Brushing/brooming/blowing grass and clay edges: 1x – 2x per week if possible.

Fert program:

1. Application #1 (early spring): Easter-ish

- Fertilizer - specifically blended for early growth, initiates root development
- Pre-emergent crabgrass control - to prevent germination of annual crabgrass

2. Application #2 (late spring/early summer): Memorial Day-ish

- Fertilizer - specially blended for continued development of root system
- Blanket treat broadleaf weeds with selective herbicide to control & suppress summer germinating weeds

3. Application #3 (summer): July 4th-ish

- Fertilizer - to reapply nutrients required to survive heat stress
- Broadleaf weed control - spot reapplication to control stubborn summer germinating weeds
- Insect control - to control second generation of surface feeders including chinch bug, sod webworm, armyworms, etc.

4. Core aeration & overseeding (late August/early September): Labor Day-ish

- Core aerate all grass areas of the field and pull plugs.
- Overseed with an athletic seed blend mixture at a rate of 5 lbs. per 1000 square feet
- Drag field to break up cores and help repair divots, redistribute organic matter back into the soil and ensure better seed to soil contact.

For best results the grass should be mowed the day before the overseeding process

5. Application #4 (fall): Halloween-ish

- Fertilizer - a balanced blend of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash to promote root development
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds - to control cool season newly germinated weeds or weeds which may have come out of dormancy