

Recommended Baseball Field Maintenance Schedule

JANUARY

1. Plan Field Maintenance for the upcoming year

FEBRUARY

1. Spray Roundup
 - A. Baselines
 - B. Pitching Mound
 - C. All Fence lines and Warning tracks

MARCH

1. Fertilizer
 - A. 16-16-16 1 ½ pounds of nitrogen per 1000 sq feet (first week)
 - B. Clean up all sprayed areas
 - C. Edge baselines and all other turf areas
 - D. Begin mowing twice per week
 - E. This is the time to add soil conditioners
 - i. Playball regular
 - ii. Turface MVP

APRIL

1. Play ball
 - A. Rake baselines – long ways to prevent lips on edges
 - B. Rake infield – in a circular motion
 - C. Fill in holes at the plate and the pitching mound
 - D. Broom soil off turf – so as not to create lip
2. Fertilize (third week)
 - A. Use a mixed soluble plus slow release- 1 lb. Nitrogen per 1000 sq feet

MAY

1. Start mowing fields three times per week
2. Play lots of baseball
3. Make sure field is raked and broomed after every game

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JUNE

1. Fertilize (first week)
 - A. Use a mixed soluble plus slow release- 1lb Nitrogen per 1000 sq foot (infield only)
 - B. Spray broadleaf weeds as needed (ex: confront, trimec classic or use a fertilizer plus weed control product as per label)
 - C. Begin to irrigate as needed

JULY

1. Mow
2. Water
3. Play ball

AUGUST

1. Mow
2. Water
3. Plan late summer infield renovation

SEPTEMBER

1. Field renovation
2. Goals to accomplish
 - A. Smooth and firm surface
 - A. Eliminate baseline ridges
 - B. Improve turf
4. Key volunteers to do the project
 - A. School district liaisons
 - A. High school Baseball Coaches
 - B. Facilities Board Members
 - C. Key Parents
 - D. Baseball Players
5. Equipment Needs
 - A. De-Thatcher
 - B. Rakes
 - C. Blowers
 - D. Plugger
 - E. Top Dresser
 - F. Seeder

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- G. Fertilizer spreader
- H. Drag mats
- I. Shovels
- J. Wheel barrows
- K. Sod cutter
- L. Sod Roller
- M. Soil Amendments ex: sand, soil, contioners
- 6. Needed Supplies
 - Seed 10 -15 pounds of turf type rye grass blend
 - A. Fertilizer 16-16-16 2lbs N per 1000 sq feet
 - B. If needed amending the soil with sand to assist with drainage
- 7. Begin Renovation
 - A. Plug the field at least twice
 - B. Thatch at least 6-10 times or until all turf is eliminated (this will be instrumental in smoothing the field and eliminating the lips)
 - C. After each thatching rake or blow off the thatch
 - D. DO NOT USE ROTILLER-leave soil firm
 - E. Add sand if needed approximately 5-10 yds
 - F. Use drop or broadcast spreader to apply the seed 10-15 pounds per 1000 sq feet
 - G. Apply fertilizer 16-16-16 2lbs N per 1000 sq feet
 - H. Apply hardwood sawdust – VERY lightly
 - I. Hand roll 2 directions
 - J. Irrigate – keep wet until seeds germinate - approximately 2 weeks
 - K. When turf is 1 ½ inches tall mow 1/3 of leaf blade cut to 1 inch (by consistently mowing at this height the turf will thicken but never cut more than 1/3 of the leaf blade)
 - L. After 3rd mowing – fertilize with 16-16-16 1b N per 1000

OCTOBER

1. Continue to mow on a regular basis

NOVEMBER

1. Remove leaves as needed
2. Continue to mow on a regular basis
3. May need to fertilize depending on situation

DECEMBER

1. Admire Beautiful Field and pat yourself on the back