



City Parks Maintenance, Lawn Care and Landscaping during COVID-19

Over the coming weeks, the City of St. Thomas crews will begin some outdoor maintenance of parks, trails, trees, roundabouts and sports fields. While this annual spring maintenance is important, modifications in services are being made to protect health and well-being of the community and the City of St. Thomas workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. As well, the work being done is for the purposes of safety, security and sanitization.

Starting next week, crews will begin some maintenance of the City sports fields. Also, municipal grass cutting will be on a 10-14-day rotation depending on weather. Beginning in May, crews will begin some maintenance in our flower beds, and we will be cutting grass along trails.

They will also focus on an as-needed basis the removal of trash from public garbage canisters, trail and pathways maintenance, playground maintenance and tree trimming.

This maintenance is important to protect the natural spaces in the City of St Thomas and to ensure the security of our parks and fields, so they are not significantly or irreparably damaged during this time. Staff are focused on service and maintenance that will allow us to safely re-open spaces when emergency orders are lifted.

During this time, City workers will be maintaining physical distance while completing work and only one employee per maintenance vehicle. The City of St. Thomas continues to follow all guidelines from local, Provincial and Federal health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community while maintaining essential services.

While residents will see work proceeding in some areas of the City, residents are reminded that parks and trails are open for walk through only until further notice in an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19. We continue to ask for the public's adherence to the closure of these recreation spaces.