



### **Why Are the Sports Fields Closed?**

The City is performing essential turf and field maintenance to protect and improve the playing surfaces. This work includes aeration, fertilization, and reseeding of the outfields. Infields will also receive needed repairs, such as outfield lip leveling, home plate replacement, and other safety improvements.

### **Why Is This Work Done at This Time of Year?**

Fields are scheduled to close after the fall sports season concludes, allowing maintenance and renovation work to take place when fields are not in active use. This timing also helps prevent turf damage that can occur if play continues during unfavorable weather conditions. While routine maintenance is performed year-round, renovation projects are more extensive and require additional time, specialized equipment, and uninterrupted field access to be completed properly.

### **Why Are the Fields Closed When No Work Is Visible?**

Newly seeded turf is extremely delicate. Any foot traffic, sports activity, or equipment can disrupt seed germination, damage young seedlings, create bare spots, and significantly delay turf establishment. Even when active work is not visible, the fields must remain closed to allow the grass to develop strong roots and grow into a safe, durable, and healthy playing surface.

To ensure the maintenance work is completed properly and the turf establishes successfully, all sports fields will remain closed during this period.

We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and support as we work to maintain safe, high-quality athletic facilities for our community.

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