

AUTUMN



TURFCARE

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE  
AND MANAGEMENT TASKS  
FOR TURF AND SPORTS  
FACILITIES



## AUTUMN TURFCARE

Essential maintenance guide and management tasks for turf and sports facilities such as golf, bowling greens, cricket pitches, winter game pitches, tennis lawns and other recreational and fine turf.

### ALL TURF AREAS

- Check for disease activity and treat appropriately, call East Riding Horticulture or speak to your local area manager for advice if necessary.
- Watch for pests and control when necessary.
- Mow less frequently and raise mowing height.
- Remove dews and debris.
- Application of pre-seeding/autumn fertilisers.
- Speak to your local area manager for turf care advice and product information for Autumn to Winter.

Jobs should only be undertaken when ground and weather conditions are suitable and will vary according to location and may vary significantly from year to year.



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## Golf

Complete renovation of greens and tees.

Repair worn areas.

Prevent a build up of thatch layers (scarification).

Restore surface levels (top dressing).

Alleviate compaction (aeration).

Re-establish sward densities (overseeding).

Application of pre seeding/autumn fertilisers to promote sward establishment.

Mow greens to 8mm, tees to 12mm and fairways to 18mm.

De-commission irrigation systems late October.

With changes in temperatures and available sunlight, a shift in approach to nutrition should follow.

Order materials early, ensuring they are available and arrive in time for your planned renovations.

## Tennis

Control moss and scarify..

Remove leaves and debris.

Restore surface levels (top dressing).

Begin repairs to edges and uneven areas.

De-commission irrigation systems.

## Winter game pitches

Repair divots.

Seed thinning areas.

Inspect goal posts before each game.

Mow regularly to 35mm for football and 50mm for rugby.

Irrigation may still be required on sand pitches.

## Cricket

Open up square to relieve compaction

Finish renovation as soon as possible (early Autumn)

Restore surface levels (top dressing).

Mow square regularly to 25mm. Mow outfield to 25mm.

Aerate outfield throughout the month, especially if used for football, to improve drainage and maintain root development.

## Bowls

Complete end of season renovation.

Watch for fusarium and consider a preventative treatment.

Clean ditches and repair banks.

Mow to 12mm

De-commission irrigation systems late October.

