

# Your spring-ready grounds maintenance checklist



## Pitch Care

Preparing your sports surfaces in spring ensures they don't just perform better now, but are stronger and more resilient for the rest of the year.

- Is the playing surface compacted in areas of higher use?
- Are there any bare patches or visible thinning of grass?
- Does the pitch take a while to drain after rainfall?
- Are there uneven surfaces that hold water?
- Is there moss that may be restricting light and growth?
- Is there debris of any kind preventing healthy growth?

## Pathways and Hard Landscaping

With more events and visitors on your grounds, clear access and tidy presentation become increasingly important for both safety and reputation.

- Are there cracks, potholes or trip hazards left from winter?
- Are surfaces clear of debris or moss?
- Are drains clear and flowing correctly?
- Are kerbs and edge intact and safe?
- Are car parks and walkways clearly presented for users?

## Planting Areas

Spring preparation helps planting areas recover from winter stress and sets them up for strong growing season.

- Do the beds have any dead growth, fallen leaves or litter?
- Do annual plants need clearing, ready for fresh replanting?
- Is mulch needed to retain moisture and improve the soil?
- Are shrubs correctly pruned to encourage healthy growth?
- Are your planting areas edged and neatly defined?

## Trees and Shrubs

Harsh weather during the winter period can affect tree stability, branch structure and root health. This makes tree inspections even more important, which can help identify risks before they develop into safety hazards.

- Are there any broken, hanging or dead branches?
- Are trees showing signs of unstable movement?
- Are root zones overly compact?
- Were your trees inspected following high winds?

## Compliance

Beyond appearance, spring maintenance supports your wider duty of care responsibilities in operating your site.

- Are hazards noted and scheduled for remedial works?
- Are outdoor spaces safe for staff, visitors and/or the public?
- Are sports surfaces playable and suitable for use?
- Are drainage solutions compliant and suitable weather?

