

## Essential Reference Paper 'B'

### Current Council maintenance specification standards

#### EHC Grass

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>
C	Park Grassland	Usually large open spaces. Usually cut with gang mowers in the main. Includes football pitches.	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr - 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct  1 <sup>st</sup> Nov - 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Minimum height - 25mm Maximum height - 75mm  Minimum height - 50mm Maximum height - 75mm
E	General Amenity Grass	Generally amenity land and open spaces, and small parks, mainly in urban areas. Usually cut with ride on rotary or cylinder mowers.	All Year	Minimum height - 25mm Maximum height - 80mm
B	Box Mowing High Amenity Grass	High Amenity Parks at Hertford Castle and Bishop's Stortford Castle Grounds. Usually cut with a rotary or cylinder mower with collection box.	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr - 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct  1 <sup>st</sup> Nov - 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Minimum height - 12mm Maximum height - 25mm  Minimum height - 20mm Maximum height - 35mm

TYPE	CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD	STANDARD
I	Conservation Cut (Meadow Grass)	Cut and collect and dispose of arisings on certain park areas with aim of keeping nutrient levels low and help disperse seeds to encourage wild flowers.	Twice per year March and August or July and September as instructed	Height after cutting -75mm
J	Rough Grass	Cut only on certain park areas to maintain a 'naturalised' appearance.	Twice per year March and August	Height after cutting - 75mm
F	Rural Grass Cut	Grass cutting of land owned by East Hertfordshire District Council . Mainly cut with ride-on cylinder or rotary mowers but may require tractor and side arm or strimming in some locations.	All Year	Min - 50mm Max - 150mm

## EHC Shrubs

All shrub beds are pruned at least once per year.
Growth that obstructs car parks, footpaths, roads, road nameplates, signs, windows, gutters shall be carefully trimmed back to a regular line and shape by cutting during the early summer. Site lines, signs and nameplates must be kept clear of vegetation at all times.
Litter is collected during all visits.
Site Manuals – pruning at the correct time.
Dead shrubs are reported and removed.
Replacement shrubs must be guaranteed for 18 months.
Beds must be 95% weed free.

### **EHC Enforcement standards equating to cutting frequency**

Satisfactory condition achieved with 12 to 14 cuts per year



Marginal concern in between standards



Unsatisfactory condition equating to 2 to 4 cuts

