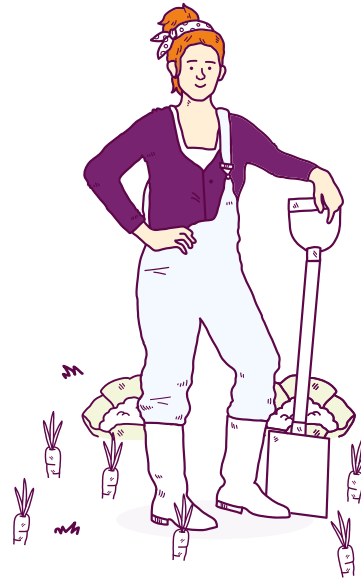




GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE STANDARDS



Following the transfer of the Grounds Maintenance service from Rochdale Council to RBH in April 2015 we have developed this set of service standards.

The tasks detailed here will be undertaken on RBH land at each scheduled visit as required and weather permitting.

We don't let the grass grow under our feet - Let us know what you think.

Summer Schedule - Horticulture

- Horticultural features (e.g. shrub beds) shall present an attractive amenity, allowing development of the plants in keeping with the type, shape, size and aspect of the bed.
- Plants that abut other features (e.g. pathways, windows etc.) will have been pruned to ensure public safety and avoid obstruction.

Summer Schedule – Other Surfaces

- All soil surfaces shall be clear of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All hard surfaces shall be free of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.

Winter Schedule - Horticulture

- All plants shall have received appropriate pruning that prevents an increase in height and encroachment, apart from allowing the development of a maturing planting scheme.
- Pruning shall be sufficient to allow growth between visits.

Summer Schedule – Grassed Surfaces

- All grass areas will be cleared of litter and debris before grass cutting commences.
- All grass areas, including edges and surrounding obstacles will have been cut in order to produce a pleasing appearance with an even finish and height, with no areas being left uncut.
- All grass clippings shall have been removed from hard surfaces or paths, by sweeping or blowing back onto the grass area.

Winter Schedule – Other Surfaces

- All soil surfaces shall be clear of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All hard surfaces shall be free of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All edges abutting hard surfaces shall be clean and true following the outline of the relevant hard surface.