

# Grounds Maintenance

We aim to maintain the grounds, trees, and playgrounds at all Ocean Housing estates to ensure a safe, clean, and pleasant environment for our residents.

While the grounds teams are responsible for maintaining the following areas, all residents are encouraged to contribute by keeping them clean and tidy.



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## What we do

### Grass Cutting

From March to November, weather permitting, we cut the grass at least every 3 weeks. Grass clippings are dispersed naturally, not collected. Grassed areas and verges are kept neat and free of litter.

### Shrubs & Hedges

We trim shrubs and hedges as needed, especially in the winter months. Hedge trimming is done after the bird nesting season to protect wildlife. The bird nesting season is usually between March and September, however, the exact timing can vary.

### Litter & Weed Control

We collect litter during our visits, and we use non-chemical and chemical methods to control weeds to keep pathways and patios clear of weeds.



### Tree Care

All trees on communal ground are inspected every two years by an independent expert who recommends the work required. More extensive tree work is completed by an external specialist. We will carry out minor work and regularly prune trees to keep them healthy and safe. We also handle emergency works, such as storm damage.

Regular work is carried out to ensure the good health of the tree. We will only remove a tree if it is assessed as risk to people or property.

### Leaf & Moss Removal

In autumn and winter, we focus on clearing leaves and treating moss on paths to reduce slips.



## Emergency Work

If any urgent work is needed (e.g., storm damage), we prioritise it to keep the area safe.

## Playground Inspections

We check our playgrounds for cleanliness, wear and tear, and any safety concerns every 2-3 weeks, they are then professionally inspected annually.



## Our Seasonal Programmes

### Winter (November to March)

- Pruning trees and shrubs
- Tree and shrub planting
- Clearing leaves and debris
- Treating moss on paths
- Annual equipment maintenance
- Large projects such as changing landscape features
- Occasional grass cutting if needed and weather permits

### Spring/Summer/Autumn (March to November)

- Grass cutting and litter picking
- Light pruning and weeding
- Maintaining hedges and shrubs

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## How we are monitored

Our team works closely with Tenant Monitors to ensure that the maintenance meets our standard. Our team take photos of their work after each visit which then get sent to our Grounds Maintenance Manager for review.

Regular inspections are also carried out to ensure standards are being met.

