



Be a good sport: Respect our sports fields

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The days are getting longer and trees are budding – outdoor sports season is upon us! The City of Edmonton works hard to maintain over 1,600 outdoor sports fields, but we depend on field users to show respect and avoid damaging the fields in any way.



Sports fields are tentatively scheduled to open on April 28. Until then, please avoid using the fields to give them time to dry out and recover from the winter. In early spring and after heavy rainfall throughout the season, fields may become saturated; water pools or runs off the field, and pools around your foot when you step on it. Saturated fields should not be used as use may damage turf grass, compact soil and inhibit new growth. When in doubt, don't use the field; it's easier to prevent damage than to repair it.

Please help keep our sports fields safe and enjoyable throughout the season:

- Don't litter, smoke, urinate or drink alcohol on a sports field.
- Park only in designated parking zones, not blocking someone's driveway. Better yet, carpool or take transit to reduce traffic congestion in neighbourhoods.
- Respect field closures. Fields are closed periodically for maintenance or rest and rejuvenation. These closures are for the good of the field, and help prevent lengthy closures for expensive repairs.

If you see a damaged field or witness a violation of usage guidelines, report it by calling 311. If you witness criminal activity, call the police at 780-423-4567, or #377 from an Edmonton cell phone.

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