



NORTH LANGLEY BASEBALL FIELD MAINTENANCE



REMEMBER PLEASE ALWAYS LEAVE OUR PARKS AND EQUIPMENT BETTER THAN WE FOUND THEM

Our diamonds require constant care and though much of the care is handled by the Field Manager and the Township, there are a number of things that teams need to do before and after each use, such as:

- Screen the infield
- Repair the plate area and mound by filling and tamping holes
- Keep dugouts clean from debris and garbage
- Ensure base plugs are replaced after game and practices
- Ensure mound and home plate tarps (if used) are replaced
- All equipment is safely stored in the dugout (Fort Langley and South Diamond) or one of our sea-cans (Green: Parker and Zarrelli, White: Senior)

RAIN & PUDDLES

- When removing puddle from our fields please **DO NOT** push standing water from the dirt/shale areas onto the grass
 - This will only make the depression larger which will accumulate more water during the next rain fall
 - It will also start the forming of a lip around the dirt/shale cutout
- The shale on Parker and Zarrelli Diamonds is extremely harmful to the grass and difficult to remove once on it
- We provide a wet-vac to remove excess water from shale or dirt.

FIELD PREP PRIOR TO GAMES

The following is a detailed outline on how to prepare the field for a game

- Screen and brush the entire shale section of the infield
- Rake the mound and plate area (filling and tamping holes)
- Line the field

LINING THE FIELD

- this includes doing both the foul line and the batters boxes
- depending on the field please follow the following instructions



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BATTERS BOXES

- The batters box template should be located in the white trailer or dugout and is marked for your appropriate age division
- There are two different sizes, so please ensure that you are using the right one
 - 15U and younger use 3'x6'
 - 18U use 4'x6'
- The template is marked front and back. The side marked "front" should be towards the mound
- Line up the plate marker to the edge of the plate, as seen



- Score the outer part of the template, which will leave a marking that you will later use to apply the lime correctly
- Repeat the above steps on the other side of the plate. This will leave you with a scored outline for the batters box





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FOUL LINES

- Hammer the nail attached to the string to the back corner of the plate
- Run the string along the base out past the outer (foul) edge of the base (first/third) and into the outfield lining it up with the outer (foul) edge of the painted outfield line
- Nail it into the grass **Note:** (outfield line is the responsibility of the NL Fields Manager and is done once every two weeks)
- If sprayed line is not visible you may need to run line out to foul pole or eyeball it
- Run the string all the way down the base-line, ensuring that it runs adjacent to the outer edge of the base plate and the edge of home plate



- With the string still in place
- Line the batters box keeping the lime on the inside of the scoring
- Then lime the first base line keeping the lime on the inside of the string
- Repeat procedure down the third base line

******* DO NOT USE LIME ON THE OUTFIELD GRASS *******

Outfield line are sprayed bi-weekly by the Field Manager

POST-GAME CLEAN-UP

- Screen the infield
- Rake and repair the plate area and mound by filling and tamping holes
- Ensure mound and home plate tarps (if used) are replaced on Parker, Zarrelli & Senior Diamonds
 - Make sure that they are only covering the dirt because if they are on the grass, it will kill the grass
- Keep dugouts clean from debris and garbage
- Ensure base plugs are replaced after use
- Ensure mound and home plate tarps (if used) are replaced
- All equipment is safely stored in the dugout (Fort Langley and SW Diamond) or the container (Senior, Parker and Zarrelli)



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OUR FIELDS

- Fort Langley Diamond
 - This is a dirt field please use the lime
 - Lime and lime cart are stored in the black job box on the south (home plate side) end of the 1st base dugout
- South Diamond
 - This is a dirt field please use the lime
 - Lime, lime cart and string reel are stored in the 3rd base dugout shed
- Kelly Parker Diamond – Shale Infield
 - This is a shale field please use **paint**
 - The Township of Langley has requested that we use paint as the lime discolours the shale
 - The shale needs to be wet for it to better adhere to the field so there are sprayers in the green sea-can
 - See water hose section below to fill
- George Zarrelli Diamond – Shale Infield
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 - The shale needs to be wet for it to better adhere to the field so there are sprayers in the green sea-can
 - See water hose section below to fill
 - Paint, paint cart and string reel are all located in 1st base dugout shed
 - Batters box template is located in the green sea-can
- Senior Diamond
 - This is a dirt field please use the lime
 - Lime, lime cart, string reel and batters box template are stored in the white sea-can

WATER HOSE

- The hose tap is located on the SW side of the Zarrelli Diamond tower
- You will need access to the tower to turn on the tap
- Tap handle is located just inside the SW tower door on top of the electrical panel

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