

REQUEST FOR BIDS - Lawn Maintenance Service

The City of Bellemeade is seeking bids for lawn maintenance services at its two Shelbyville Road entrances and the small park bench roundabout on Woodcleft Road. Please consider the following scope of work. Bids are requested by 2/15/25.

Weekly Tasks

1. **Lawn Care**
 - Mow the lawn to the recommended height (e.g., 3-4 inches).
 - Trim edges and around obstacles for a neat appearance.
 - Inspect the lawn for weeds and manually remove visible ones.
 - Check for signs of pests, diseases, or drought stress.
2. **Flowerbed Maintenance**
 - Remove weeds by hand or use appropriate spot treatments for weed control.
 - Remove dead or faded flowers (deadheading) to encourage new blooms.
 - Clear fallen leaves and debris to prevent pests and diseases.
3. **Pruning and Trimming**
 - Trim shrubs, hedges, and perennials to maintain shape and encourage healthy growth.
 - Prune dead, damaged, or diseased branches from trees and shrubs.
4. **Mulch Maintenance**
 - Check mulch depth in flowerbeds and around trees (maintain 2–3 inches).
 - Redistribute or refresh mulch to cover bare spots and retain soil moisture.
5. **Irrigation System Check**
 - Be on the lookout for sprinklers and drip irrigation for leaks, clogs, or misaligned heads.

Seasonal Tasks

6. **Fertilizing**
 - Apply lawn fertilizer according to the grass type and season
 - Fertilize flowerbeds and shrubs with slow-release or organic fertilizers.
7. **Edging and Borders**
 - Re-edge garden beds, pathways, and lawn borders for crisp lines.
 - Repair or replace damaged landscape edging materials.
9. **Weed Control**
 - Apply herbicides for invasive weeds like dandelion, clover, violets.
10. **Spring (March–May)**
 - Aerate the lawn to alleviate soil compaction.
 - Overseed bare patches in the lawn with cool-season grass seed.
 - Apply pre-emergent herbicides to prevent crabgrass and other weeds.
 - Add fresh mulch to flowerbeds and around trees for weed control and moisture retention.
11. **Fall (September–December 15)**
 - Fertilize the lawn with a fall-specific blend to strengthen roots.
 - Rake and remove fallen leaves from the lawn and flowerbeds.
 - Cut back perennials and ornamental grasses as they go dormant.
 - Apply post-emergent herbicides for broadleaf weeds.

The City of Bellemeade will reimburse the lawn care maintenance provider for the cost of mulch, fertilizers, and grass seed. Please do not include such costs in your bid. **Evaluation Criteria:** Bids will be evaluated based on the following: (1) Pricing and affordability, and (2) Experience, references, and reputation.