



## City of Clearwater

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### TRAIL INSPECTIONS POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Clearwater Public Works Department, as approved by the City Council to inspect all park trails for damage, asphalt settlement, downed trees or branches, or other physical conditions that may be hazardous to trail users. This policy is based on: the community's value of city trail; the need to stay within current budgetary constraints; and city residents and visitor's desire to use city trails for a wide variety of recreational pursuits.

1. Park trail inspections will be conducted at the following intervals: bi-weekly
2. Inspections of trails that are designated as high maintenance will be done every seven to 10 days as trail areas are mowed.
3. Inspection of trails designated as low maintenance will be done on a monthly basis.
4. Park trails may be inspected at less frequent intervals under the following situations:
  - When weather conditions create a health or safety concern to workers or make inspections otherwise inappropriate.
  - When personnel or equipment is limited because of work on other projects or because of excess hours previously worked.
  - When financial resources are unavailable.
  - When trail usage, grass height, and/or the relatively maintenance-free characteristics of some trails do not justify the trail being mowed or inspected.
5. With respect to all park trails, it is the policy of the City of Clearwater, wherever feasible and reasonable, to trim or prune trees to a minimum ten-foot heights above trails and three-feet beyond the trail edge.
6. All park trails are swept in late March or early April to remove debris.
7. Written records of mowing frequency and any park trail inspection records are to be kept at the Public Works garage.

Adopted by the City Council on:

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Lee E. Monk, Mayor

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Jennifer Wothe, City Administrator

