

**Signpost Housing Association  
Grounds Maintenance Specification**

**The three standards**

All three standards cover:

- General grass cutting.
- Grass cutting to lawn areas (generally in independent living schemes and in enclosed gardens to flats).
- Shrub border maintenance.
- Hedge cutting.
- Weed spraying.
- Arboricultural inspection and maintenance.
- Inspection and maintenance of play areas.

The differences between the standards are shown below.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Reduced Standard</b>	<b>Residents' Group Standard</b>	<b>Enhanced Standard</b>
<b>General grass cutting.</b> There shall be regular cuts during the growing season to maintain a height of grass not exceeding:	75 mm Approx. 3 inches	50 mm Approx. 2 inches	40 mm Approx. 1½ inches
Clippings may be left on the grass provided they are no longer than:	65 mm Approx. 2½ inches	40 mm Approx. 1½ inches	30 mm Approx. 1¼ inches
<b>Lawn mowing.</b> There shall be regular cuts during the growing season to maintain an height of grass not exceeding:	35 mm Between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches	30 mm Approx. 1¼ inches	25 mm Approx. 1 inch
Clippings may be left on the grass provided they are no longer than:	30 mm Approx. 1¼ inches	25 mm Approx. 1 inch	Clippings may not be left on the grass
<b>Shrub Maintenance.</b> All sites having shrubs maintenance shall be visited:	6 times a year	8 times a year	10 times a year