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GRASS MOWING IN CANBERRA – WEEKLY REPORT

The ACT Government wishes to advise that mowing will be carried out at the following locations in Canberra this week (weather permitting) commencing today, Monday 9 January 2012.

Inner north

Location	Purpose
Acton, Campbell, O'Connor, Turner and Molonglo Reach.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.
Northbourne Avenue, Pialligo Avenue and Fairbairn Avenue.	Arterial roads mowing.

Tuggeranong

Location	Purpose
Kambah (west of Drakeford Drive), Fadden, Gowrie, Wanniasa, Calwell, Macarthur, Richardson, Theodore and Banks.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.
Tharwa Drive, Gordon.	Arterial roads mowing.

Woden / Weston Creek

Location	Purpose
Farrer, Fisher, Chapman, Chifley, Duffy, Holder, Lyons, Pearce, Rivett and Torrens.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.
Cotter Road, Dixon Drive, Eucumbene Drive, Namatjira Drive and Warragamba Drive.	Arterial roads mowing.

Inner south

Location	Purpose
Hume, Deakin, Red Hill and Oaks Estate.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.
Alexandrina Drive, Canberra Avenue and Brisbane Avenue.	Arterial roads mowing.

Belconnen

Location	Purpose
Kaleen, Dunlop, Latham and Macgregor.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.
Belconnen Way, Ginninderra Drive, Kerrigan Street, Parkwood Road and Southern Cross Drive.	Arterial roads mowing.

Gungahlin

Location	Purpose
Bonner, Franklin, Palmerston, Amaroo and Mitchell.	General suburb mowing including fire fuel reduction.

Key facts

- The ACT Government is responsible for mowing more than 5000 hectares (equivalent to 5,000 football fields) of irrigated and non-irrigated grass in urban open space and at the urban edge.
- The ACT Government has a base mowing fleet of 78 mowers, comprising 54 internal and 24 contract mowers. 29 of the government owned mowers have recently been replaced with new leased mowers. Additional contract mowers are also employed through-out the mowing season.
- The ACT Government's Fire Management Unit is monitoring fuel loads across the Territory and prioritising work accordingly. Programmed works include hazard reduction burns, mowing, slashing and even grazing to reduce fuel loads.
- Public safety with fire fuel reduction and line of sight along roads remains a priority.
- Residents are reminded that they are responsible for mowing the nature strip that adjoins their property.
- The ACT Government appreciates people's patience while the mowing program takes place.

For the latest details of the mowing program people can review the mowing programs on Territory and Municipal Services website at <http://www.tams.act.gov.au/> or contact Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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