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Hello Tom,

I hope you are well. We had a pretty good year with Adult Softball. There were a couple hiccups because the diamond is not draining as well as it used to. On a couple of occasions, the field would have puddles in areas after a full day of sun. The other issue is the time gap when the staff is done for the day and when our games start. Ever since I have been working at the Recreation Department (24 years), this has caused some issues where the field would be prepped, staff leaves for the day and we get a little bit of rain and we get cancelled instead of having someone on staff to fix lines or puddles. Other issues were the scoreboard was not set out like it is supposed to be. I hope this helps. Please let me know if you need any other information.

Here is the email that I sent to Sarah about Hart Park Softball Diamond.

I hope you are well. It was great chatting with you the other day. I wanted to recap what we talked about and list possible fixes either in your current budget cycle or future budget plans.

Current Budget Cycle

1. Morning after a rain, try to get standing water off the field as soon as possible.
2. Replace the tines (spikes) on the drag behind to allow better drainage. Help dig a little deeper into the infield.
3. Extra Diamond Dry for our trouble areas.

Future Budget Plans

1. Replace/Fix the drain tiles on the field. This field used to drain the best in our area.
2. Add extra infield mix in our trouble areas (pitchers mound and shortstop area).
3. Replace Infield Lights to match the outfield lights.

Before/During/After our season

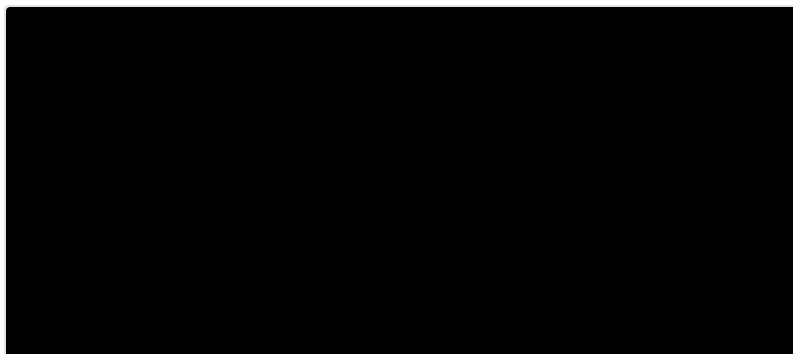
March and April - loosen up the infield deeper than the tines can take care of.

July 4 week - Rec Dept. takes the week off so the infield can be loosened up deeper than the tines.

September/October/November - loosen up the infield deeper than the tines can take care of. Not sure if there is a Fall Softball League renter.

I am hoping we can meet a couple times a season (March and September) to preview/review our season.

I know budget plays a factor and I have tried to get our own District to purchase something like this equipment to maintain our fields. [Baseball Field Maintenance Equipment | Built For Every Ballfield](#)



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