

MS7 Grass cutting

A BASIC EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Traffic Management (TM)



Ensure that sufficient TM signs and equipment are carried appropriate to the task and site.

Basic Tools and Plant / Equipment for restricted areas of small verge grass (mechanical cutter required for large areas)



The above is a guide. It is the Road Warden's responsibility to ensure that the PPE, TM and tools and equipment are suitable and sufficient for the job

B Method Statement

1. Advise Neighbourhood Highway Officer (NHO) and carry out risk assessment.
2. Set up appropriate traffic management. Refer to the TM flowchart and install the appropriate Traffic Management in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual/ Safety at Streetworks and Road Works Red Book.

B1 - Small restricted areas of verge grass

1. Select the area to be cut and ensure that there are no other person(s) in the immediate working area.
2. Ensure that any grass that has fallen onto the road and/or pavement is cleared.
3. To deal with the waste, once the cutting has been completed, the Road Warden should:
 - Speak to the NHO before starting work to discuss the possibility of pre-purchasing green commercial waste disposal tickets.
 - Take small amounts home for composting.
 - Speak to local allotment associations or community composting groups about using it.
 - Leave it on the verges to rot down.

B2 – Large areas of verge grass

1. Ensure that the operative is suitably qualified to operate the machinery, is covered by insurance and if operating in the live public highway holds a current Chapter 8 qualification covering mobile working.
2. Make sure that the relevant signage is put in place prior to the grass cutting process.
3. Deal with waste as detailed above.
4. Remove the Chapter 8 signage from the site.

