

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
BID PACKET**

**LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES
OF
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, MUNICIPAL PARKS
AND
MUNICIPAL OWNED PROPERTIES**

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR:
2026 LAWN CARE AND RELATED SERVICES FOR VARIOUS
TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES**

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MORRIS COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BID
2026 LAWN CARE AND RELATED MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR VARIOUS
TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES
TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Harding for 2026 Lawn Care and related Maintenance Services for various Township properties at the Township of Harding Municipal Building, 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, NJ 07976, on **Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 11:00** a.m. Prevailing Time.

Specifications and forms of bids, contract, and bond for proposed work, are available at the Office of the Township Clerk commencing on Thursday, January 8, 2026, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Upon request prospective bidders will be furnished a copy of the specifications. Bid Specifications are posted on the Municipal Web Page: www.hardingnj.org

Bids must be made on Standard Proposal Forms in the manner designated herein and required by the specifications, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of bidder and name of project on the outside addressed to Township of Harding, Purchasing Agent, 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, NJ 07976 and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond for not less than ten (10%) percent of the amount bid, provided said check need not be more than \$20,000.00, nor shall not be less than \$500.00 and be delivered at the place on or before the hour named above.

The Standard Proposal Form and required documents to be submitted with the bid proposal are included with the Specifications. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A11-23.2, all contracts entered into with the Township of Harding, the contractor must be registered with the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue and provide a business certificate with the bid. The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors and supplier of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor. The requirement of proof of business registration extends down through all levels of the project. Before final payment on the contract is made by the contracting agency, the contractor shall submit an accurate list and poof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

The Contractor will comply with rules and regulations and orders promulgated by the New Jersey State Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and will all provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A11-1 et. seq. and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(45), the Township reserves the right to award by resolution two (2) one (1) –year extensions. The Township reserves the right to determine which contract will be awarded and the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bid, as permitted or required by law.

Andrew Fiore
Purchasing Agent
Township of Harding

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TO BE SUBMITTED TO:
Anthony Sorisi:
Harding Township Director of Operations
21 Blue Mill Road
New Vernon, NJ 07976

SUBMIT BID BY: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026

WORK SPECIFICATIONS

- The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, and materials to provide the work as specified under “work specifications”.
- The properties that are to be maintained under this contract as follows:

PROPERTY	LOCATION
1. Memorial Park	Millbrook Road and Village Road
2. Bayne Park	Blue Mill Road
3. Barrett Field	Brook Drive South
4. Showgrounds	Sand Spring Lane
5. Municipal Building	21 Blue Mill Road
6. Traffic Islands	(Map included)
7. Walking Path	21 Blue Mill Road
8. Tunis Ellis House	8 Millbrook Road

WORK SPECIFICATIONS

QUOTE ITEM #1: MEMORIAL PARK

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be scheduled to be mowed once a week, during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. **Memorial Park must be mowed during the week prior to Memorial Day.**
3. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
4. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees and shrubs. Also, around and under all benches, tables and fencing.
5. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

1. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand. Areas include under benches and tables, plant beds and walk paths as required.
2. **Memorial Park paths will be weeded the week prior to Memorial Day.**
3. All beds throughout the park will be mulched and edged as required to maintain a neat appearance and maintain a depth of three (3) inches maximum. (The Township will provide mulch.) Provide one-time fee for mulch application.

C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE

1. Landscape trees and ornamentals will be pruned as needed during the season to remove dead wood and invasive growth.
2. All existing shrubs will be pruned to maintain shape and size as required.
3. All trimming will be done using a hand pruner.

D. SPRING CLEAN UP

1. Spring clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks, and debris throughout Memorial Park.
2. **Memorial Park Spring Clean Up will be performed prior to Memorial Day.**
3. All debris will be removed from Memorial Park and disposed of properly.

E. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout Memorial Park. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. All debris will be removed from Memorial Park, and disposed of properly.

F. STORM DAMAGE

1. Minor storm damage clean-up is included in this proposal.

QUOTE ITEM #2: BAYNE PARK

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be mowed once every two weeks during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease. (Wide band (2'-3') of field grasses on the Blue Mill Rd side of pond to be left "as is" during growing season)
2. A standard cutting height of 4-1/4" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
3. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees and shrubs. Also around and under all benches, tables and fencing.
4. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance
5. Bi-weekly string trimming on both sides of the stream, from the dam to the wood line, covering the area from the lawn to the waterline.
6. **Mowing will be performed in such a manner as not to discharge grass clippings into or towards the streams, waterways or pond.**

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

1. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand. Areas include under benches and tables, stone dust path, plant beds and parking areas as required.

C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE

1. Landscape trees and Ornamentals will be pruned as needed during the season to remove dead wood and invasive growth.

D. SPRING CLEAN-UP

1. Spring clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout Bayne Park.
2. All debris will be removed from Bayne Park, and disposed of properly.
3. Center Island in parking area requires additional mulch to be placed when existing mulch depth is less than two (2) inches, not to exceed three (3) inches. Entrance sign area and center Island will be maintained as required to provide a neat appearance throughout the season. (The Township will provide the mulch.)
4. All dead growth along the stream from the pond dam inclusive of the spillway to the end of the park at the Blue Mill culvert shall be removed and properly disposed of from the property. All growth along the same will be trimmed at a height of 6" and properly removed from property prior to the growing season as determined by the Twp.'s DPW Superintendent.

E. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout Bayne Park. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. Fallen Crab Apple leaves to be raked, bagged and removed.
3. All debris will be removed from Bayne Park and disposed of properly.
4. All growth along all streams and along the perimeter edge of the pond shall be cut back to a height of six (6) inches.
5. Perimeter pond Plantings- identified weeds and invasive growth removed.

F. STORM DAMAGE

1. Minor storm damage clean-up is included in this proposal.

G. GENERAL

1. Stone lot will be graded as needed to maintain safe passage at all times.

QUOTE ITEM #3: BARRETT FIELD

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be mowed once every two weeks during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. (2" turf height during soccer season)
3. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
4. This proposal includes lawn areas along Brook Drive South to end of the Post and Rail fence. Lawn areas from the entrance drive to and including Baileys Mill Road ending at the Fire House.
5. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

1. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand.

C. SPRING CLEAN UP

1. Spring clean-up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout Barrett Field complex.
2. All debris will be removed from Barrett Field complex and disposed of properly.
3. Spot weed control to include the infield of the ballfield at the direction of the Twp.'s DPW Superintendent.

D. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout Barrett Field complex. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. All debris will be removed from the Barrett Field complex and disposed of properly.

E. STORM DAMAGE

1. Minor storm damage clean- up is included in this proposal.

F. GENERAL

1. Stone lot will be graded as needed to maintain safe passage at all times.

QUOTE ITEM #4: SHOWGROUNDS

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be mowed once every two weeks every two weeks during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions.
3. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
4. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

1. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand.

C. SPRING CLEAN UP

1. Springs clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout show grounds area.
2. All debris will be removed from the show grounds and disposed of properly.

D. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout show grounds area.
2. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
3. All debris will be removed from the show grounds, and disposed of properly.

E. STORM DAMAGE

1. Minor storm damage clean-up is included in this proposal.

QUOTE ITEM #5: MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be scheduled to be mowed once a week during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
3. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees and shrubs. Also, around and under all benches, tables and fencing and walks.
4. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.
5. Mow grass 15 feet in from curb along the driveway on Sand Spring Rd. to the walking path.

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

1. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand. Areas include under benches and tables, plant beds and mulch beds on parking lot.
2. All beds throughout the property will mulched and edged as required to maintain a neat appearances and maintain a depth of three (3) inches maximum. (The Township will provide the mulch.) Provide on-time fee for mulch application.

C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE

1. Landscape trees and ornamentals will be pruned as needed during the season to remove dead wood and invasive growth. All existing shrubs will be pruned to maintain shape and size as required.
2. All trimming will be done using a hand pruner.

D. SPRING CLEAN UP

1. Spring clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property. All debris will be removed from the property and disposed of properly.

E. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen. All debris will be removed from the property and disposed of properly.

F. STORM DAMAGE

1. Minor storm damage clean-up is included in this proposal.

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be scheduled to be mowed once a week during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
3. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees and shrubs. Also, around and under all benches, tables and fencing.
4. All fallen branches 3"diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPRING CLEAN-UP

1. Spring clean-up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property.
2. All debris will be removed from the property and disposed of property.

C. FALL CLEAN-UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. All debris will be removed from property and disposed of property.

QUOTE ITEM #6: TRAFFIC ISLANDS (various-map included)

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be scheduled to be mowed once a week during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
3. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees and shrubs.
4. All fallen branches 3"diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPRING CLEAN UP

1. Spring clean-up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property.
2. All debris will be removed from the property, and disposed of properly.

C. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. All debris will be removed from property and disposed of properly.

QUOTE ITEM #7: WALKING PATH (perimeter turf)

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing of Walking Path perimeter grass minimum 20 feet wide along entire path length.
Mowing of the municipal property lines shall be cut 6 feet from edge of path.
2. 10 foot radius around willow oaks within the field, along the walking path.

B. SPOT VEGETATION CONTROL

1. All vegetation (weeds/grasses) within path shall be removed as needed.
2. Vegetation removal will be performed without the use of any herbicides.
3. All debris will be removed from property and disposed of properly.

QUOTE ITEM #8: TUNIS ELLIS HOUSE

A. TURF CARE

1. Mowing, trimming and clean-up of all finished turf areas with power equipment and trimmers. All turf areas will be scheduled to be mowed once a week during growing season. During cool and wet weather, mowing frequency may increase. During hot, dry weather, mowing frequency may decrease.
2. A standard cutting height of 3" will be used under normal weather conditions. Mowing height may be increased during periods of drought.
3. String trimming to include areas around all existing trees, shrubs and fencing.
4. All fallen branches 3" diameter or smaller will be properly removed from property on scheduled day of lawn maintenance.

B. SPOT WEED CONTROL

3. Weed control of all required areas chemically and by hand.

C. SPRING CLEAN UP

4. Spring clean-up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property.
5. All debris will be removed from the property and disposed of properly.

D. FALL CLEAN UP

1. Fall clean up to include the removal of accumulated leaves, sticks and debris from throughout the property. Final fall clean-up will be performed after the majority of leaves have fallen.
2. All debris will be removed from property and disposed of properly.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Memorial Park, landscaping services, including Turf Care, Spot Weed Control, and clean-up of grounds must be performed during the week before Memorial Day.

2. Contractor must provide a schedule of all services to the DPW Superintendent at least two (2) days prior to performing work. All mowing occurrences are an estimate, and the actual number of cuts performed for each property will be determined and authorized by the DPW Superintendent. Any variation to the specified schedule of mowing as directed under Turf Care (A) must be approved by the DPW Superintendent prior to service. All other services require prior authorization.

QUOTE ITEM #1: MEMORIAL PARK

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT WEED CONTROL: (As required)	\$ _____	_____
MULCH:	\$ _____	_____
C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE:	\$ _____	_____
D. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
E. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
F: STORM DAMAGE:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #2: BAYNE PARK

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT WEED CONTROL: (As required)	\$ _____	_____
C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE:	\$ _____	_____
D. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
E. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
F: STORM DAMAGE:	\$ _____	_____
G. GENERAL:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #3: BARRETT FIELD

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT WEED CONTROL: (As required)	\$ _____	_____
C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE:	\$ _____	_____
D. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
E. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
F. STORM DAMAGE:	\$ _____	_____
G. GENERAL:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #4: SHOWGROUNDS

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT WEED CONTROL: (As required)	\$ _____	_____
C. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
D. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
E: STORM DAMAGE:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #5: MUNICIPAL BUILDING

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT WEED CONTROL: (As required)	\$ _____	_____
MULCH:	\$ _____	_____
C. TREE AND SHRUB CARE:	\$ _____	_____
D. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
E. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
F: STORM DAMAGE:	\$ _____	_____

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
C. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #7: TRAFFIC ISLANDS

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPRING CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____
C. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____

QUOTE ITEM #8: WALKING PATH

	FIGURE	WRITTEN IN FULL
A. TURF CARE: (Per occurrence)	\$ _____	_____
B. SPOT VEGETATION CONTROL:	\$ _____	_____
C. FALL CLEAN-UP:	\$ _____	_____

TRAFFIC ISLANDS

1. Bailey's Mill Rd/Lees Hill Rd (Grass)
2. Orchard Drive (Grass)
3. Van Beuren Rd/ Blue Mill Rd (Grass)
4. Flagpole- (Traffic Light) (Grass)
5. Margetts Rocks- Blue Mill Rd (Grass)
6. Red Gate Rd/ Blue Mill Rd (Grass)
7. White Deer Cul-De-Sac (Grass)
8. Cherry Lane/Dicksons Mill Rd (Grass/Mulch)
9. Miller Rd/Woodland (Grass)
10. Woodland/Meyersville (Grass)
11. DPW/Village Parking Lot (Grass)

