

11-6-204 Landscaping Requirements

(1) All residential detached single family houses, twin homes and duplexes shall be landscaped in the required front yard and side yard adjacent to a street within 18 months from the date of occupancy. Any portion of the required front or side yard adjacent a street that is not covered by structures, driveways or pedestrian paths shall be landscaped.

(2) General Requirements for all other development:

(a) When shrubs or ground cover other than grass are used for landscaping, the spacing, type and size of plants used shall be such that seventy-five percent (75%) of all landscaped areas shall be covered with living plant material within three (3) years of planting.

(b) Planting beds shall be covered with rock or wood mulch to a minimum depth of three inches (3").

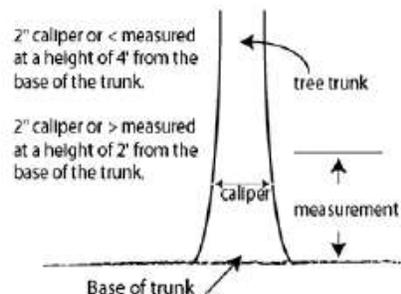
(c) Plant materials shall be species that are regionally appropriate and suitable for the site-specific conditions, including availability of moisture, shade, salt tolerance, wind exposure, and soil pH.

(d) Paving materials, water features and sculpture may be included as landscape design materials, provided such create useful open space, add color and texture to the design and create visual interest. Such materials may not cover more than ten percent (10%) of the required landscaped area.

(e) The maximum allowable cut or fill slope is three feet (3') horizontal distance for one foot of rise (1'). Slopes steeper than (3:1) will require retaining walls or other types of approved slope stabilization methods.

(f) At the time of planting, shade trees shall be a minimum height of 12 feet with a minimum two inch (2") caliper trunk measured at a height of four feet (4') from the base of the trunk. The minimum branching height for shade trees shall be six (6) feet.

(g) At the time of planting, all ornamental trees shall be a minimum of six feet in height with a minimum one and one-half inch (1.5") caliper trunk measured two feet from the base of the trunk.



- (h) Coniferous trees shall be balled and burlapped and a minimum of sixty (60) inches in height measured from the base of the tree.
 - (i) For all non-residential developments, all on-site landscape areas shall be planted with a minimum of one live tree per one thousand (1,000) square feet of landscaped area.
 - (j) No artificial plant materials may be utilized in meeting landscaping requirements.
 - (k) Underground automatic irrigation systems are required for landscaping which cannot survive on natural precipitation. The use of drip, trickle or other water conserving irrigation methods is encouraged. The overall irrigation system design should emphasize efficient water use and conservation.
 - (l) Landscaped areas on the site must be delineated with raised curbing to protect plant materials from vehicular damage.
 - (m) No greater than 33% of trees of the same genus or 20% of the same species.
- (3) All landscaping shall be installed in accordance with accepted industry standards.
- (4) All landscaping and fencing shall meet the requirements of clear view and sight triangle as defined in this ordinance.