

Initial Rear Yard Landscape Checklist

Please feel free to use this document as a reference to the minimum elements that will lead to the creation of a complete landscape plan. This is not designed to take the place of any information that can be found in the Design Review Request Form, the Residential Improvement Guidelines and Site Restrictions, the Landscape Design Guidelines, or the ability of the Design Review Committee (DRC) to approve or reject applications based on the information contained in the application. All exterior improvements to the lot or the home on the lot should be applied for and approval received from the DRC before work is commenced.

Application

- Application complete

Landscape Plan

- Drawn to scale with a minimum of 1 inch = 30 feet
- Name of individual who prepared the plan written on the plan
- Address of the proposed landscaping
- Lot width as measured across the rear of the lot written on the plan or plot included
- Existing vegetation and features included on the plan labeled as existing
- Materials to be used in the installation identified on the plan and example pictures if not a material already used on the front of the home. Examples: concrete patio, stamped concrete (include example picture), curbing, planter boxes (example pictures), etc.
- Required plant materials identified on plan by species, in the proposed location that will prevent tree(s) from growing over property lines at full maturity, and labeled and installed as the minimum installation size of 2" caliper for deciduous and ornamental trees, 6' height for evergreen trees, and 5 gallon size for shrubs. Numbers of required tree(s) and shrubs is based on width of the lot as measured across the rear of the lot.
- Trees proposed in locations that will not allow them to grow over lot boundaries as the tree grows toward the "full spread at maturity" or "mature width". This can be found by running an internet search for the species of tree that you want to install. For example, a tree that is often proposed is an Autumn Blaze Maple. This tree grows to be 35-40 feet wide at full maturity so this tree would need to be planted at least 20' away from property lines to be approved.

Mature Width	35-40 ft.
Name	Autumn Blaze® Maple

- Grass species included on plan (Kentucky Blue Grass is only allowed if less than 1/3 of the blend of grasses. Please select a low water/drought tolerant blend or grass to establish the sod)

Required living plant materials - selection based on the width of your lot measured across the rear of the lot

Small (50 ft wide or less)

- 4 shrubs and 1 deciduous tree (loses its leaves in the fall)
- Standard (51 – 75 ft wide)
- 5 shrubs and 1 tree (can be deciduous or evergreen)
- Large (76 ft wide or greater)
- 9 shrubs and 2 trees (minimum 1 deciduous, second can be deciduous or evergreen)

If you are installing a fence

- Area that the fence will be installed has been clearly identified on the plan
- The wing portion of the fence (the fence that separates the front yard from the rear yard is accurately identified on the plan
- The wing portion of the fence is at least 6' behind the front corner of the home or 6' behind the point that the porch wraps around the front corner of the home