

Fence Landscaping

LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

Section 17.08.070(E)(4)(C) of the Municipal Code allows side yard fences along streets in residential areas to rise up to a height of six feet if the fence is set back a minimum of three feet from the property line and adequate landscaping is installed and maintained on the street side of the fence.

A landscape plan must be submitted and approved as part of the fence permit application. Mature plant height variation will be required to visually break up the solidness of the fence wall. Grasses, shrubs, or small trees along with flowers are acceptable (see the graphics on the following page). Native plants are always encouraged. This information sheet provides suggestions and ideas to meet the landscaping requirements.



Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)

SUGGESTED OPTIONS FOR PLANTING

Native plant species are preferred to provide pollinator sources for bees, birds and butterflies. A mix of grasses and flowering plants provides a unique mix of size, shape, and contrast along a fence. Most natives are hardy and need little watering or maintenance once established. Native species can be found at most landscape companies and even at common retail establishments.

It's important to pay attention to the planting location and soil types, as well as the spacing recommendations for mature plants. The initial spacing of the plants may look sparse, but they will fill in over the first few years as the plants mature.

Checklist

- Sun or shade
- Soil – sand, loam or clay
- Space and height – ensure enough spacing between plants so there is room for them to fill in and choose plants of different heights to add variety

GRAPHIC EXAMPLES (PLANTS AT MATURITY)



Varied species and height are ideal.



All short or tall plantings of the same variety is not acceptable

COMMON SPECIES

Blooming Plants	Grasses	Shrubs	Trees (Small varieties)
Coneflowers	Big blue stem	Hydrangea	Arborvitae
Yarrows	Little blue stem	Lilac	Juniper
Asters	Sideoats	Chokecherry	Pine
Milkweeds	Switchgrass	Hazelnut	Spruce
Daisies	Silvergrass	New jersey tea	Yew
Clematis	Indiangrass	Dogwood	Birch
Iris	Bottlebrush grass	Sumac	Crabapple
Lilies	Junegrass	Common elderberry	Willow
Hostas	Virginia Wild Rye	Boxwood	Magnolia
Bee balm	Dropseed	Barberry	
Roses		Forsythia	
Phlox		Ninebark	
Black eyed susan		Rhododendron	
Ferns		Spirea	

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