

Circle G Highlands

Community Association

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

Landscaping provides one of the most important features at *Circle G Communities*. The desired theme of an abundant landscape is achieved through the use of turf, shrubs, and live plant material groundcover. Xeriscape designs (lush green designs with plentiful quantities of trees, shrubs and groundcover, utilizing plant material that does not require a lot of water) are recommended.

The following is a landscape guideline to help facilitate approval of your landscape plan.

DESIGN ELEMENTS

Landscaping is required for all residential front yards and street side yards visible from neighboring properties, streets, and common area.

- A minimum of 40% coverage of live plant material is required in the yards, as described above. Concrete walkway, driveway, or patio type areas shall not be included in this calculation. The yards shall be landscaped with turf, shrubs, and live groundcover. All turf areas must be contained with a minimum 6" wide concrete or brick edge (header). The use of turf is optional.
- One 48" box tree is to be planted ten feet (10') behind the back of curb in the front yard of the residence. This tree shall be one of the following varieties: Chilean Mesquite (*Prosopis chilensis*); Evergreen Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia sempervirens*); Fantex Ash (*Fraxinus velutina fantex*); or Mondel Pine (*Pinus eldarica*).

Desert plants (cactus, native desert trees and shrubs) will be limited to minor accent use and, in any case, must be approved by the Architectural Committee. Artificially colored rock or crushed rock is prohibited (see attached plant list if landscape boulders are desired). **Decomposed granite** must be 3/8" or 1/2" in size and **must** be used in all areas that are not covered with turf. When mature, **live groundcover or shrubs must cover at least 40% of all rock area**. It is recommended that "minus" decomposed granite material be used. This type of DG will be more maintenance free, is less likely to be kicked and scattered, and is more user friendly.

Trees, shrubs, and annuals adequate to enhance the aesthetic appeal of walls, planters, walks, etc., shall also be included in the landscape theme for the front and side-yards. **Excessive cactus or other desert "plantings"** will not be approved. However, rear yards may be landscaped with desert themes, if desired, providing desert type plants do not protrude above the walls.

All irrigation systems are to be below ground, fully automated, and in compliance with all applicable building codes for state and county agencies. All irrigation systems shall be designed and "trimmed" to minimize spray onto streets, driveways, walks, and other non-landscaped areas.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The owner of each lot shall submit a detailed landscaping plan which shall be subject to review and approval by the Committee and the required landscaping shall thereafter be installed in accordance with such landscaping plan. It is recommended that a landscape professional be consulted to draw the plan. Only the **front yard and front side yards** (if you have a corner lot) of your property need to be shown and submitted for review.

The plan must be drawn to a scale of 1/8" = 1'- 0" and displayed on a 24" x 36" sheet. Show the outline of the floor plan of the home, walkways, existing or proposed garden walls or any other 'hardscape' feature to be constructed (water features, fountain, benches, etc.). Show the existing fence return (this is the part of your back yard wall that ties into your home). **Show proposed location and type of each individual tree, shrub, or groundcover. All plant material must be drawn to indicate approximate mature size.** Include a plant schedule specifying botanical and common names, plant container size and total number of each kind of plant. Indicate size and color of decomposed granite. Have a North arrow and scale of the drawing on the plan.

On the following pages you will find trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and vines recommended and approved by the Architectural Committee. These are all items that can be used when submitting your plans for review. **This does not eliminate the need to submit your plans.** This does not restrict you from proposing use of plant material not found on the recommended plant list. However, they must be approved by the Architectural Committee.

Unless other arrangements have been made, front yard landscaping must be completed within 90 days from the close of escrow.

Please submit your plans to:

Circle G at Highlands West
 c/o ROSSMAR & GRAHAM
 1801 S. Extension, Suite 124
 Mesa, AZ 85210

If you have any questions please contact the Community Manager at 480-551-4300

Circle G Communities Recommended Plant List

Botanical Name	Common Name
1. TREES	
ACACIA salicina	Weeping Acacia
ACACIA smallii	Sweet Acacia
CHILOPSIS linearis	Desert Willow
CHITALPA tashkentensis	Pink Dawn Chitalpa
EUCALYPTUS torquata	Coral Gum
EUCALYPTUS microtheca	Coolibah
EUCALYPTUS erythrocorys	Red-Cap Gum
EUCALYPTUS spathulata	Narrow-Leafed Gimlet
FICUS microcarpa nitida	Indian Laurel
FRAXINUS o. raywoodii	Raywood Ash
FRAXINUS uhdei	Shamel Ash
FRAXINUS v. modesto	Modesto Ash
FRAXINUS velutina 'Rio Grande'	Fantex Ash
JACARANDA mimosifolia	Jacaranda
PINUS eldarica	Mondel Pine
PINUS halepensis	Aleppo Pine
PITHECELLOBIUM flexicaule	Texas Ebony
PROSOPIS chilensis	Chilean Mesquite - Multi
QUERCUS buckleyi 'Red Rock'	Red Rock Oak
QUERCUS virginiana 'Heritage'	Heritage Live Oak

Recommended Plant List (Continued)

RHUS lancea	African Sumac
SCHINUS terebinthifolius (Female)	Brazilian Pepper Tree
SOPHORA secundiflora	Texas Mountain Laurel
ULMUS parvifolia 'Sempervirens'	Evergreen Elm

Trees Not Recommended

BRACHYCHITON populneus	Bottle Trees
EUCALYPTUS species (most)	Eucalyptus (some species are acceptable--see above)
GREVILLEA robusta	Silk Oak
MORUS alba	Mulberry Tree
PHOENIX dactylifera	Date Palm
WASHINGTONIA species	Fan Palm
POPULUS species	Cottonwood
PYRUS kawakamii	Evergreen Pears
SALIX babylonica	Weeping Willows

2. SHRUBS

ASPARAGUS densiflorus 'Meyeri'	Meyer's Asparagus
BAILEYA multiradiata	Desert Marigold
BOUGAINVILLEA sp. 'La Jolla'	La Jolla Bougainvillea
CAESALPINIA pulcherrima	Red Bird of Paradise
CALLISTEMON citrinus	Bottlebrush
CARISSA grandiflora 'Prostrata'	Prostrate Natal Plum
CARISSA grandiflora 'Tuttle'	Tuttle Natal Plum
CASSIA artemisioides	Feathery Cassia
CHAMAEROPS humilis	Mediterranean Fan Palm
CONVOLVULUS cneorum	Bush Morning Glory
CORDIA parvifolia	Little-Leaf Cordia
CYCAS revoluta	Sago Palm
CYPERUS alternifolius	Umbrella Plant
DALEA greggii	Trailing Indigo Bush
DIETES Bi-color	Fortnight Lily
HESPERALOE parviflora	Red Yucca
HIBISCUS rosa-sinensis	Hibiscus Variety
JUNIPERUS chinensis 'Mint Julep'	Mint Julep Juniper
JUSTICIA spigera	Desert Honeysuckle
LEUCOPHYLLUM candidum 'Silver Cloud'	Silver Cloud Texas Ranger
LEUCOPHYLLUM langmaniae 'Rio Bravo' tm	Rio Bravo Sage
LEUCOPHYLLUM revolutum 'Sierra Magic Mix'	Sierra Magic Mix Texas Ranger
LIGUSTRUM japonicum	Japanese Privet
MUHLENBERGIA rigens	Deer Grass
NERIUM oleander 'Petite Salmon'	Dwarf Salmon Oleander
RUELLIA peninsularis	Desert Ruellia
STRELITZIA reginae	African Bird of Paradise
THEVETIA peruviana	Yellow Oleander Variety
XYLOSMA congestum 'Compacta'	Dwarf Xylosma
YUCCA pendula	Pendulous Yucca

Recommended Plant List (Continued)

3. VINES

BOUGAINVILLEA sp. 'Barbara Karst'	Barbara Karst Bougainvillea
FICUS pumila	Creeping Fig
PYRACANTHA f. 'Rosedale'	Espalier Pyracantha
ROSA banksiae 'Alba Plena'	Banksia Rose

4. GROUND COVER

CARISSA grandiflora 'G.C.'	Green Carpet Natal Plum
LANTANA camara 'Dwarf Yellow'	Dwarf Yellow Lantana
LANTANA camara 'New Gold'	New Gold Lantana
LANTANA montevidensis	Purple Lantana
LIRIOPE muscari	Lilyturf
LONICERA japonica 'Halliana'	Hall's Honeysuckle
PHILOSTROPHE cooperi	Paper Daisy
ROSMARINUS officinalis 'Prostratus'	Prostrate Rosemary
RUELLIA brittoniana 'Katie'	Katie Ruellia
SALVIA greggii 'Sierra Linda'	Autumn Sage
TAGETES lemmonii	Mountain Marigold
VERBENA gooddingii	Evergreen Verbena

5. ANNUALS

OENOTHERA berlandieri	Mexican Primrose
GAZANIA species	Gazania
PETUNIA hybrida	Petunia
VIOLA species	Pansy
CATHARANTHUS roseus	Madagascar Periwinkle

6. GRASS

It is recommended that all grass in the front yard be the Bermudagrass hybrid 'Midiron' in sod form. **No common bermudagrass will be allowed.**

7. LANDSCAPE BOULDERS

All landscape boulders in the front and side yards must be granite and shall be set into the finish grade at least 1/3 the diameter of the boulder.

9. MAILBOXES & LIGHT POSTS

Mailboxes will complement the materials, color and style of the home. The specification for the mailbox must conform to the U.S. Postal Service and the municipality. The design must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The light post required as per the CC&R's may be included as part of the mailbox structure.