

Heritage Woods HOA Landscaping & Yard Maintenance Guidelines

Trees and Shrubs: Any dead trees or shrubs should be removed immediately. If you cut them in small bundles (not more than 4' long, not more than 2' in diameter and less than 50 pounds) and tie a string around it, the city will pick them up on trash day. All shrubs should periodically be trimmed back and not allowed to become overgrown. Large trees should be removed by tree professionals. Homeowners should consult their neighbors before planting trees near their neighbor's property line.

Ornamental Grasses: Tall grasses like Pampas Grass die off every fall and grow back from the roots in the spring. According to a popular gardening website, the best time to cut back pampas grass is in late winter just before the plant begins sending up new foliage. Once again, you cut them in small bundles and tie a string it, the city will pick them up on trash day. Tip: If you tie a string around them, BEFORE CUTTING THEM, they are easier to handle.

Lawn Care: Grass should be mowed on a regular basis. Periodic re-seeding and fertilizing is necessary to maintain a nice-looking lawn. Dead patches of grass are an indication that your yard needs attention. Weed-eat around fences, trees, flower beds, sidewalks and mailboxes. Dandelions, clover and crabgrass is a sure sign that your lawn needs to be treated by a professional to rid your yard of them. It's your responsibility to maintain the grassy area between the street and the sidewalk.

Mulching: Mulching around trees, plants and shrubs is beneficial to them, as they help maintain moisture in and around the roots. Mulching periodically is a necessary part of maintaining a nice looking home.

Leaves: Leaves should be raked up in the fall and not allowed to be blown into your neighbors' yard. Most lawn mowing services provide this service.

Debris Removal: Dumping your dead trees, leaves, ornamental grass clippings, etc., into the creeks, so that they can be carried downstream onto a neighbor's/HOA property is prohibited! The city runs a mulch site next to Capen Park {1600 Capen Park Drive) if you have a lot of debris to dispose of, or don't want to use the curbside pickup. The city's mulch site is behind the UM's Surplus Property facility off of Rock Quarry Road.

*** If in doubt, contact the Architectural Review Committee at: 573-499-4445 or
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