

## A) The Orchards Landscaping Requirements

The intent of The Orchards landscaping requirements is to provide a consistent landscaping standard for the community while also allowing each individual homeowner the flexibility to express their unique landscape style. Achieving “greenery” in all front yards is the primary objective of these requirements.

As of April 1, 2016, it is the responsibility of the Homeowner to landscape the front yard for all RSL product. In the case of corner lots, the front yard shall include the flanking side yard to the sidewalk or curb. Where not screened by fencing at the flanking street side, the landscaping must extend to the rear corner of the house.

The landscaping must be completed, in accordance with these requirements within one year of occupancy.

To ensure compliance with the landscaping requirements, a \$1,500.00 deposit must be paid to the builder by the purchaser. The deposit will be returned to the purchaser by the builder upon confirmation of satisfactory completion of the landscaping.

### I. Minimum Landscaping Requirements

- Sod
- One of the following:
  - One flowering or fruit tree, minimum 2” (50mm) caliper, of the type specified for each area as shown in Section C. Trees will be provided by Brookfield Residential. See Section C on for further information on The Orchards Tree Program.
- One of the following landscaping features:
  - A prepared shrub bed with six shrubs, minimum 18” height or spread at the time that they are planted. Please note: Perennials are not considered shrubs and will not count towards the minimum shrub requirements. **All planting beds must be defined by an edging that is clearly visible from the street.**
  - A minimum of 6 lineal feet of hedge will be permitted as a substitute to the prepared shrub bed.
- A standard Orchards Neighborhood address plaque is required to be installed on each property. It may be mounted on the house or hung from a bracket at the entry or on a yard post. Use is mandatory.

**Additional information on what is required to pass a landscaping inspection can be found in Sections D & E of this manual.**

## II. The City of Edmonton's Landscaping Requirements

On June 27, 2016, the City of Edmonton council passed a text amendment that modified the Landscaping Requirements for residential properties.

The Landscaping Requirements listed in this book will count towards the new City of Edmonton requirements, however, depending on the size of your lot, you may have to provide additional trees and/or shrubs on your property to meet the City's requirements. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure their landscaping complies with the City of Edmonton requirements.

Current information regarding these requirements can be found on the City of Edmonton website [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca).

Should you have additional questions, please contact the City of Edmonton directly by dialing 311 from the local calling area.

## III. Landscaping Checklist

	I have planted a tree that meets the specifications outlined in Section C: The Orchards Tree Planting Program.
	The caliper of my tree is at least 2".
	I have included one of the landscaping features listed in my community's landscaping requirements.
	The plants in my landscaping feature meet the minimum size requirements outlined in my community's requirements.
	My planting bed is defined by an appropriate edging that is clearly visible from the street.
	I have ensured my planting beds are filled with a landscaping mulch/stone that meets the Mulch/Decorative Stone Requirements on page 13.
	I have ensured my sod is in a healthy state and will be in a healthy state at the time of the inspection.
	I have installed the standard Orchards Neighborhood address plaque and it is clearly visible from the street.
	The 2'x7' planting bed alongside the garage has been planted appropriately (if applicable).

All landscaping inspections will be conducted in accordance with this manual. Front yard landscapes that do not meet the requirements listed in this manual risk failing their landscaping inspection and forfeiting their landscaping deposit. Please ensure you have thoroughly read through this entire manual before requesting your final landscaping inspection.