

Daybreak Landscape Planting Requirements

A. Tree and Plant Size:

- 1. Evergreen trees must be a minimum of 5 to 6 feet in height when planted.
- 2. Deciduous trees must be a minimum of 1½ inch caliper when planted in the front yard. Rear yard minimum size is 1 inch caliper.
- 3. All shrubs must be a minimum of 5 gallons in size when planted in the front yard. Rear yard minimum size is 1 gallon.
- 4. Perennials must be a minimum size of 1 gallon when planted in the front yard. Rear yard minimum size is a 4 inch pot.
- 5. Groundcovers must be a minimum of 4 inch pot in size when planted in the front yard. Rear yard minimum size is a 4 inch plug.

B. Plant Spacing Requirements:

- 1. Shrubs must be planted no greater than 5 feet apart.
- 2. Perennials must be no greater than 3 feet apart when planted.
- 3. Groundcover plant material must be planted to growers specifications and must be a maximum of 8 inch to 12 inch spacing.
- 4. Trees planted in rear yard landscapes should be placed at least 6' from all property lines.

C. Plant Location Recommendations for Every Landscape Plan:

- 1. Foundation planting: Shrubs should be planted in a manner to screen the foundation wall from view. Planter areas adjacent to foundations shall be a minimum of 3' in depth and accommodate at least two (2) rows of shrubs. Spacing of plants should coordinate with plants size at maturity, but not exceed 5' on center.
- 2. Planting areas adjacent to fences: There shall be a 24" minimum planter adjacent to all fencing with (2) rows of shrubs single spaced or (1) row triangular spaced.
- 3. Planting along foundations and fences should be installed to create a layering affect, with taller shrubs in the background and groundcovers/perennials in front.
- 4. Lawn areas need to be at minimum 3' from foundations and fences. It is recommended to keep spray irrigated areas (lawn) 5' from foundations and fences. Shrubs and perennials must be drip irrigated and where possible groundcovers as well. Doing so will reduce water and minimize weed growth.
- 5. According to the Landscape Guidelines, one (1) tree is required to be included in the landscape in all rear yards.

D. Materials:

- Weed control measures must be taken, whether by using weed fabric or pre-emergent.
 All shrub, perennial and/or groundcover areas need to be treated to control weed growth.
- 2. Planter areas must have a covering over them such as bark, mulch, gravel, pebbles or rock, i.e. dirt must be covered. Please submit a sample to the DRC with your application for any material other than bark.
- 3. Pavers, stones, decomposed gravel make great walkways adding dimension and color, along with function. Make sure to submit a sample of any rock or stone material. Also submit a color sample if you would like to use colored concrete anywhere in your landscape.