



Brookfield Residential's Landscaping Requirements

Edgemont North - 2025

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A NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS:

AT EDMONTON NORTH, WE BELIEVE IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND A HARMONIOUS CONNECTION WITH NATURE. OUR COMMUNITY IS DESIGNED WITH A COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND AESTHETIC EXCELLENCE. AS SUCH, THESE GUIDELINES WILL ASSIST HOMEOWNERS AND BUILDER PARTNERS IN MEETING THE MINIMUM LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS WHILE OUTLINING SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING PRACTICES THAT CAN BE EASILY IMPLEMENTED ON EVERY LOT.

ACHIEVING "SUSTAINABLE GREENERY" IN ALL FRONT YARDS IS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

THE INTENT OF THESE LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS IS TO ENSURE A CONSISTENT LANDSCAPING STANDARD IS UPHELD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WHILE ALSO ALLOWING EACH INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNER THE FLEXIBILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR UNIQUE LANDSCAPE STYLE.

THIS MANUAL WAS CREATED TO OUTLINE YOUR COMMUNITY'S LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS AND TO CLARIFY OUR EXPECTATIONS WHILE PERFORMING A FINAL INSPECTION. THE ENFORCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THESE GUIDELINES SHALL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL. BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THESE GUIDELINES WITHOUT NOTICE. INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED ON LOTS OTHER THAN YOUR OWN WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED.

IT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY ARE REFRENCING THE MOST CURRENT SET OF LANDSCAPING & ARCHITECTURAL REQUIREMENTS. THE CURRENT SET OF COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT:

<https://stories.brookfieldresidential.com/edmonton-community-guiding-lp>

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The intent of the Edgemont North landscaping requirements is to provide a consistent landscaping standard for the community while promoting sustainable options that allow each individual homeowner the flexibility to express their unique landscape style. Achieving "sustainable greenery" in all front yards is the primary objective of these requirements.

Unless otherwise stated, it is the responsibility of the builder and/or homeowner to landscape the front and rear yard. In the case of corner lots, the front yard shall include the flanking side yard to sidewalk, curb, or boulevard, and to the rear corner of the house where not screened by fencing.

Homeowners are encouraged to express their unique style and personality through their front yard landscaping and there is no restriction on the type and amount of greenery used provided the minimum landscaping requirements for the community have been met. Feel free to be creative and incorporate additional trees, decorative grasses, perennials, and succulents into your landscaping design.

The landscaping should be completed, in accordance with these requirements, within one year of occupancy. The full final inspection process is outlined on page 22 of this booklet.

A. Minimum Landscaping Requirements

- Sod
- One tree (either deciduous or coniferous):
 - Deciduous trees must have a minimum 2" (50 mm) caliper or bigger, measured 6" above the ground at the time of the landscaping inspection.
 - Coniferous trees must be at least 6.5 ft (2.0m) tall or higher at the time of the landscaping inspection. Note: Junipers and cedars are not considered trees and will not count towards the minimum tree requirements.
- A prepared planting/shrub bed containing 6 shrubs measured at least 18" in height or spread at the time of the landscaping inspection. Note: All planting beds must be defined by an edging that is clearly visible from the street.

While not required, drought tolerant and/or native trees and shrubs are encouraged. See section C.VI for examples.

- Homes (including decks if applicable) must be fully completed and in compliance with the community's current set of Architectural Guidelines.
- A proper address plaque must be installed and clearly visible from the street.
- If any construction of the fence has commenced, the fence - regardless of what stage of construction it's at - will be inspected at the same time.

All final inspections will be conducted in accordance with this manual and the community's current architectural guidelines. Homeowners who have not met the landscaping, fencing, and deck requirements risk failing their inspection and forfeiting their landscaping deposit. Please ensure you have thoroughly read this entire manual before requesting your final inspection. Any deficiencies noted during the inspection must be addressed before Brookfield approves the final inspection and the release of the deposit.

Homeowner's Final Inspection Checklist

	I have planted a tree (either deciduous or coniferous) that meets the community's minimum height or width requirements.
	I have planted a shrub bed that contains the minimum number of shrubs and they all meet the minimum size requirements.
	My shrub bed(s) 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.
	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 my address plaque, and it is clearly visible from the street.
	My hard-surface landscaping plan (if applicable) has been reviewed and approved by a Brookfield representative.
	My home and deck (if applicable) follow the community's current set of Architectural Guidelines.
	My fence, if construction has commenced, has been fully painted and constructed as per the community's standard fencing detail.
	Any accessory buildings (ex. garden sheds) that are visible to the public are consistent in color and style with my home.

The City of Edmonton's Landscaping Requirements

The Landscaping Requirements listed in these Architectural Guidelines for "Edgemont North" 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.

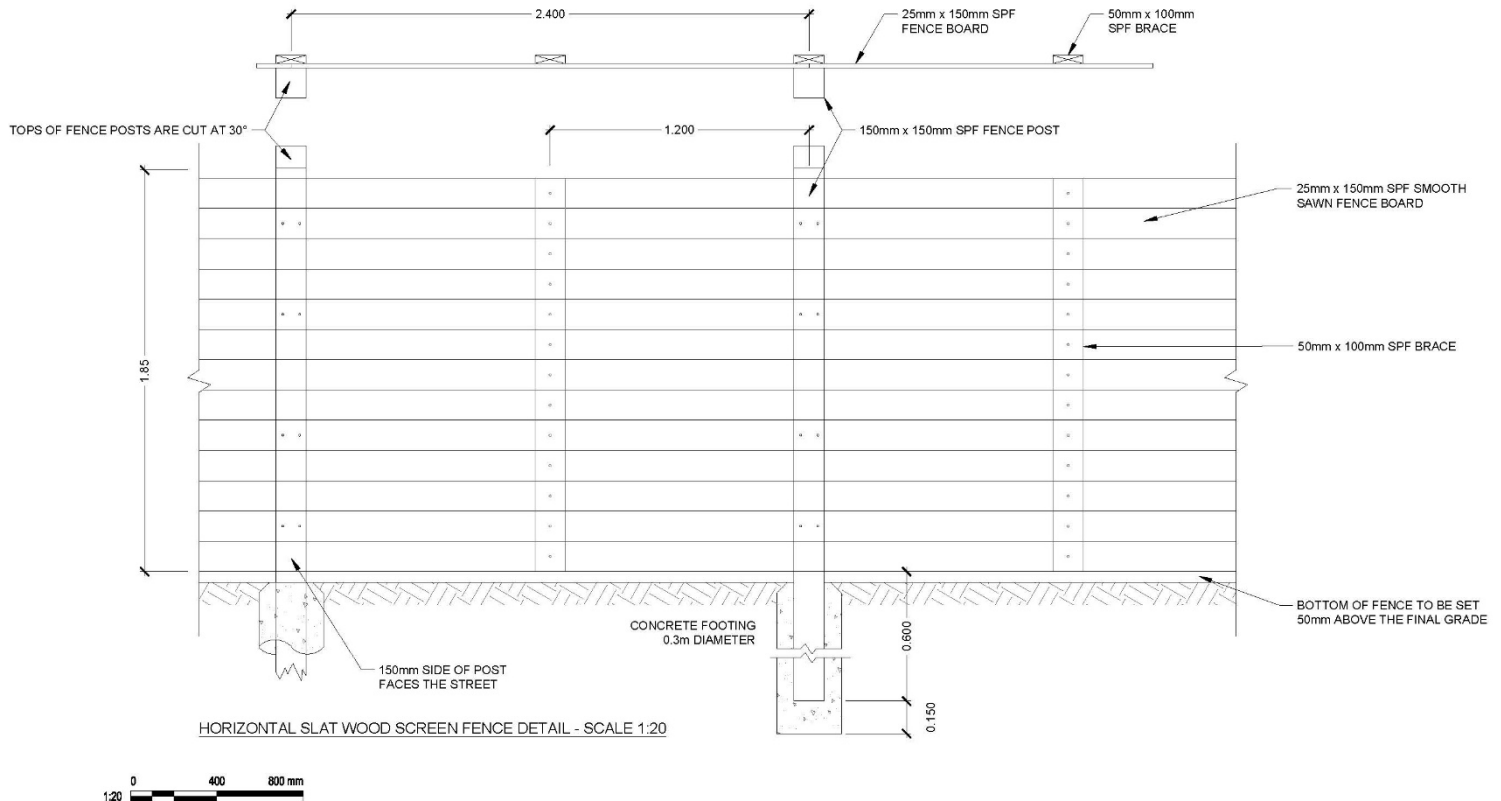
Current information regarding these requirements can be found on the City of Edmonton website www.edmonton.ca.

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

B. Fencing Requirements

If any construction of the fence has commenced, the fence - regardless of what stage of construction it's at - will be inspected at the same time.

All fences must be consistent in style and colour with the community fencing detail (below):



NOTES: (in accordance with City of Edmonton Landscape Detail LA405)

- FENCES INCLUDING CONCRETE PILE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- FENCES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY SHALL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF PRESSURE TREATED POSTS AND BOTTOM RAILS. FENCES ON CITY PROPERTY SHALL REQUIRE ALL WOOD MEMBERS TO BE PRESSURE TREATED OR APPROVED EQUAL. ALL WOOD MEMBERS ABOVE GROUND TO BE NON-INCISED.
- ALL NAILS TO BE 80mm SPIRAL GALVANIZED. USE AS REQUIRED TO ENSURE SECURE ASSEMBLY.
- WOOD USED MAY BE LODGEPOLE PINE, FIR, HEMLOCK OR SPRUCE, DEPENDANT ON AVAILABILITY AT TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.
- ALL STAIN TO BE AS PER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. APPLY 2 COATS AS PER MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS. COLOUR TO BE A CLEAR COAT. STAIN BOARD ALL FOUR SIDES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- PRESSURE TREATED POSTS TO BE TREATED WITH A SOLUTION OF PENTACHLOROPHENOL AND PETROLEUM TO CSA-080.
- PROPERTY LINE OFFSET DIRECTION VARIES. REFER TO PLAN.
- ALL DIMENSIONS IN METERS.
- FENCE POST CONCRETE PILE STRENGTH SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 20MPa UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BY STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING. THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE SUFFICIENCY OF THIS RATING AS IT RELATES TO THE COMPLETE RUN OF ANY LENGTH OF FENCING.

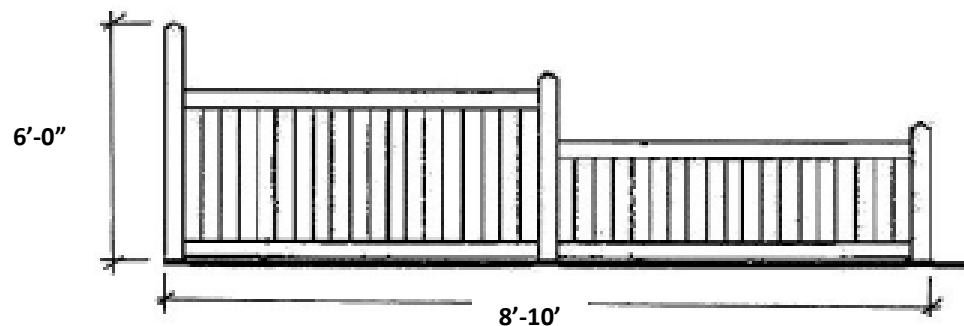
High Visibility Lot Requirements

The developer will install a coated chain link fence at the rear property for lots backing onto parks, trails and storm ponds. These fences will be constructed 6" within the rear property line as per the City of Edmonton guidelines.

Homeowners who back onto public amenities where the rear fence is chain link may install the same type of fencing at the side yard. Within 8-10 feet of the rear property line, the fence must be stepped down to match the height of the developer installed wrought iron fence as illustrated in the two options below.



Alternatively, the side yard fence may be stepped down 8'-10' from the developer installed fence as per the diagram below:



Any rear and side yard fences directly adjacent to a school site must be 1.8m (6') high as per the City of Edmonton guidelines.

Fencing FAQ

Q: Does my fence have to be completed prior to requesting my final inspection?

A: Homeowners are not required to build a fence prior to the final inspection, but if construction of the fence has commenced, the fence (regardless of what stage of construction it's at) will be inspected at the same time. Any fence deficiencies noted during the inspection will need to be rectified prior to receiving final approval.

Q: My fence has been constructed from pressure treated wood and cannot be painted for at least a year after it's installed. Will I be granted partial approval if my landscaping passes the inspection?

A: No. All fencing, if constructed at the time of the inspection, must follow the community's fencing requirements. Homeowners who have opted to build their fence before requesting their final inspection will be required to paint their fence prior to the release of their deposit. Partial releases will not be considered.

Q: What is a developer constructed fence and how do I know if one will be installed on my lot?

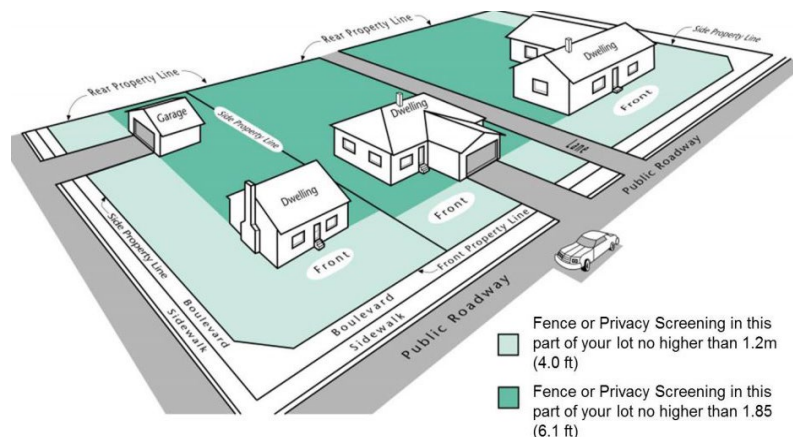
A: Developer constructed fences are installed by Brookfield Residential as required by the City of Edmonton. These fences are typically installed on lots facing a public amenity, most often lots backing onto ponds or corner lots facing an arterial road. Please refer to the marketing maps provided by the sales reps at the show homes to see the exact locations of the developer fence.

While these fences are constructed by the developer, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain them. Please note, some of these fences may be installed after a lot has been purchased. In that case, it is still the property owner's responsibility to maintain the fence after the construction of the fence has been completed.

Q: Can I build a fence in my front yard?

A: Fences may be constructed forward the front of the home provided they meet the City of Edmonton's fence height requirements (see diagram).

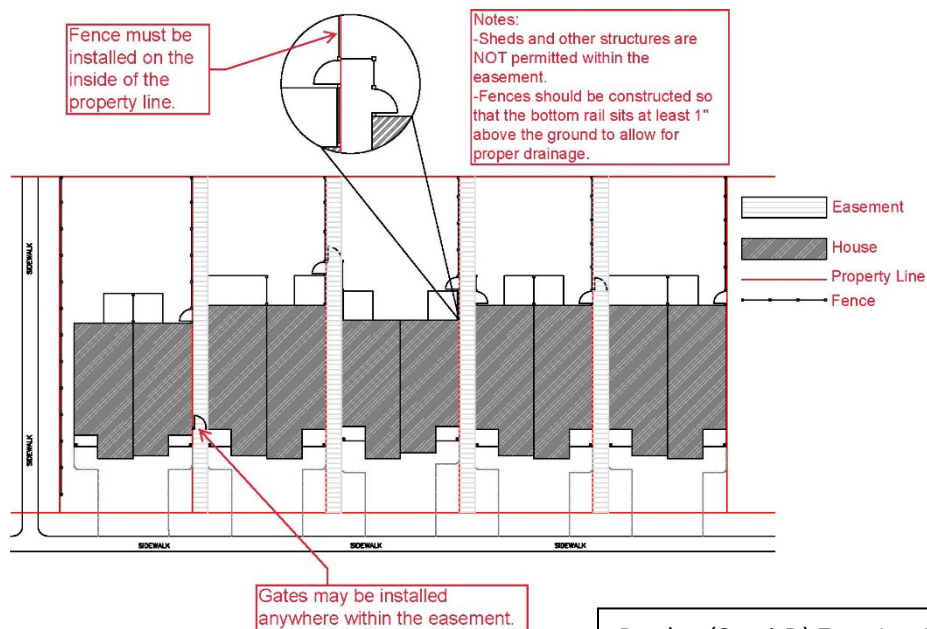
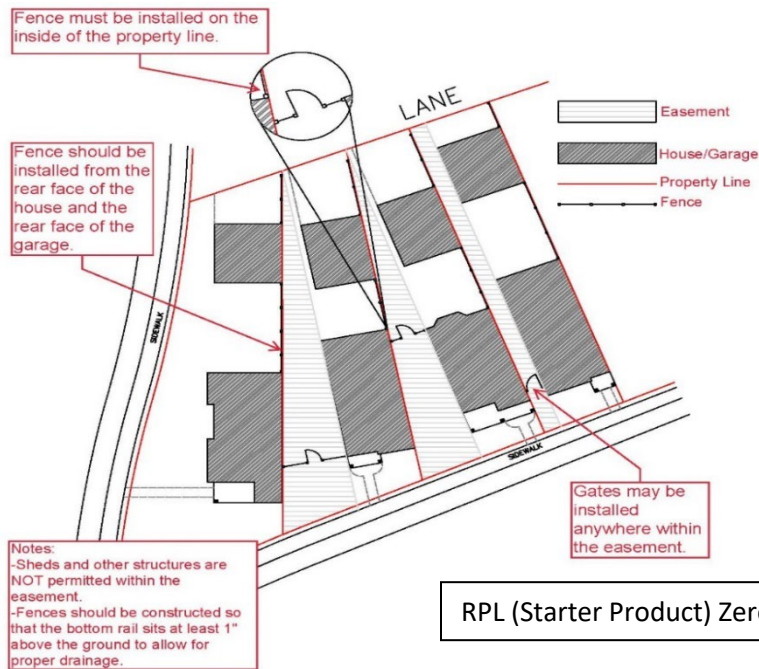
Please note all fences must be constructed and painted as per your community's fence requirements.



Q: My house is on a zero-lot line lot. How can I build my fence to meet the regulations?

A: Zero lot line fences must be installed within the property line. Gates can be built anywhere within the easement. Sheds and other structures are NOT permitted to be constructed within the easement. **Please note that the style, height, and colour of the fence must still meet the fencing requirements for your community.**

If you require access to your neighbor's easement for situations such as home maintenance, you are legally allowed to enter the easement to complete the work.



C. Alternative Landscaping Options

Artificial Turf

Artificial synthetic turf may be used in lieu of sod provided it meets the following minimum requirements:

- **Colour:** Green - No alternative colour choices will be accepted.
- **Weight:** Minimum 95 ounces per square yard (ex. ezLAWN Pro, ezLAWN Elite, ezLAWN Platinum).
- **Height:** Minimum blade height of 41mm.
- **Base Preparation:** Minimum depth 4 inches of 20mm Road Crush (compacted to 90% proctor density).
- **Leveling Layer:** Sand or crushed limestone fines.
- **Surface Infill:** Silica sand and/or rubber infill.
- **Warranty:** Manufacturer must specify pet friendly product, minimum 10-year warranty.

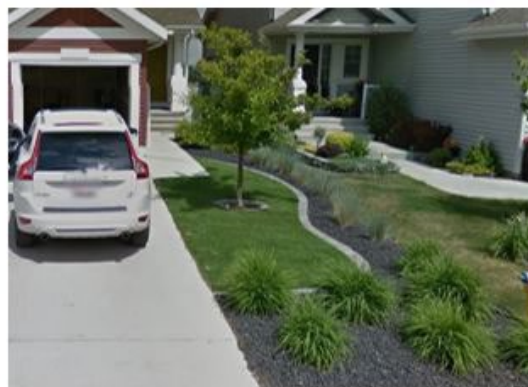
Putting Greens will be accepted in back yards ONLY. The weight must be a minimum of 83 ounces per square yard (ex. ezGOLF Pro) and the blade height must be a minimum of 13mm.

Please Note: A distinct boarder must be installed between the synthetic turf and any adjacent natural sod. For example, if a homeowner chooses to install artificial turf next to a lot using natural sod, a distinct border would be required between the two lots.

How to Properly Separate Natural Sod from Artificial Turf



Incorrect – There should be a distinct boarder installed between the artificial turf and the neighboring natural sod.



Correct – A distinct boarder containing additional shrubs has been installed between the artificial turf and neighboring sod.

Acceptable borders include rock/cobble edging or additional planting beds. If installing a planting bed is the desired solution, it would be in addition to the planting beds/landscaping features outlined in your community's minimum landscaping requirements (see Section A).

Homeowners must provide a quote/invoice, to verify the specifications have been met, as a visual inspection may not suffice. Quotes/invoices may be submitted to your builder upon requesting your final inspection.

Hard Surface Landscaping

Homeowners who have created a hard surface landscape are required to submit – prior to installation - a plan of their landscape indicating the type of shrubs/mulch they have used and where each shrub is located. Hard surface landscaping plans can be submitted to Brookfield Residential through the homebuilder.

Hard Surface Landscaping Requirements

Hard surface landscaping will be considered on an individual basis if the completed landscaping meets the objective of the guidelines, which is to achieve greenery in all front yards. This means that the lot should visually have more greenery than rock or mulch. Therefore, homeowner's installing a hard surface landscape will be required to plant a minimum of 10 additional shrubs that are substantial in size to visually soften the hard surface and help achieve greenery. For example, if your community requires a minimum of 6 shrubs, homeowner's installing hard surface landscaping will be required to plant 16 shrubs. **Please see Section A for more information on your community's minimum shrub requirements.**

Hard surface landscapes will also be required to incorporate a variety of rock sizes, materials, as well as variation in grading (bumps/rises) for interest. Please note: colored shale and white landscape rock will not be approved. For information on appropriate mulch and stone, please refer to the Mulch & Decorative Stone requirements on page 12.

Examples of hard landscaping that would be approved.



These lots have not only met the minimum requirements, there has been enough additional greenery added to significantly reduce the amount of visible rock/wood mulch on the lot. The end result is a front yard that appears to be lush, healthy, and blends with the rest of the community.

Examples of hard landscaping that would not be approved.



None of these lots have created a change in grading (bump, step, or rise) nor have they added enough greenery. This has resulted in a front yard that appears to be predominately rock mulch.

Hard Surface Landscaping Inspiration

The hard surface landscaping images shown below and on the following page are meant to provide ideas for the homeowner as well as demonstrate our expectations for how the yard should look once completed. These yards have all added additional greenery to visually soften the hard surface. They have included a variety of rock sizes and materials, and created variations in the grading (bumps, rises, raised garden beds, etc.).





Mulch & Decorative Stone Requirements

Unless a homeowner has decided to create a hard surface landscape, all rock and bark mulch must be restricted to tree and shrub beds.

Appropriate mulch may be shredded wood of various types, bark chips, rubber (12mm or larger in brown or black colour, with a natural wood mulch appearance), or decorative rock. Rock mulch can be 20mm or larger washed gravel or clean crushed gravel. Rock mulch will be installed at least 75mm deep over weed barrier or similar. Wood mulch is normally installed at least 100mm deep.



Examples of appropriate mulch material.

The following materials should not be used and will not be approved:

- White landscaping rock & mulch
- Bright, non-wood colored mulch
- Bright, non-natural colored stone
- Wood shavings or sawdust
- Hard packing materials (road crush)
- Wheat Straw



Examples of inappropriate mulch material.

D) Sustainability Considerations

Brookfield Residential believes that promoting the education of sustainable landscape practices is instrumental in all Brookfield communities. There are many aspects of landscaping that can be adjusted to incorporate sustainable practices. Please continue through the section to read how plant selection, maintenance, and lot positioning can all impact sustainability.

Drought Tolerance: Central Alberta has a very dry climate. This makes drought tolerant trees and shrubs more suitable for success in your landscaping. Drought tolerant plants have a higher chance of surviving in Alberta, meaning they would rarely need to be replaced. They also require less water consumption; therefore, directly making a positive impact on your landscaping's sustainability.

Native Planting: When choosing trees and shrubs for your yard another sustainable option to consider are plants native to Alberta. Since they are already climatized to the weather, these options have the highest chance of surviving in dry summers and cold winters. They are also important to the eco-system as they host many species that have co-evolved with them whereas exotic plants can only host a fraction of the species that live here.

Hardscaping & Low Maintenance Options: Water consumption is one of the largest factors in terms of sustainability. We can help manage this issue by utilizing hard surface landscaping and low maintenance materials. Hardscaped surfaces - rather than a yard full of sod - require little to no water consumption. Utilizing a rockscape with drought tolerant, native planting can lower water consumption while still positively impacting the ecosystem and species that require them. Please see **Section C** of this document to learn more about hard surface landscaping requirements. The following pages showcase tree and shrub species that are native to Alberta, and drought tolerant. These are highly recommended for use in your landscaping – but not required to receive your landscaping deposit back.

Native & Drought Tolerant Trees



Foothills Green Ash



Patmore Green Ash



Prairie Spire Green Ash



Balsam Poplar



American Elm



Sargentii Poplar



Bur Oak



Trembling Aspen



Brandon Elm



Lodgepole Pine



Limber Pine

Native & Drought Tolerant Shrubs



Wolf Willow



Western Chokecherry



Native Prickly Rose



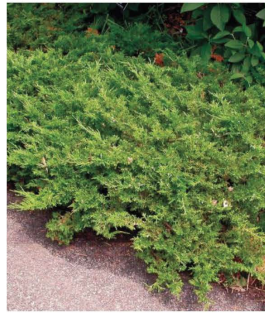
Woods Rose



Blue Fox Willow



Russet Buffaloberry



Common Juniper



Big Bluestem Grass



Snowberry



Little Bluestem Grass



Bearberry



Blue Dune Lyme Grass

E) Landscaping FAQ

Q: Can my landscape plans be reviewed prior to proceeding?

A: If desired, Brookfield would be happy to review your landscaping plans prior to installation; however, this does not guarantee you will pass your inspection. Brookfield Residential reserves the right to fail an inspection if the appropriate level of greenery has not been achieved or if the minimum landscaping requirements for your community have not been met.

All landscaping plans should be submitted to Brookfield by your builder. Plans will be reviewed, and a response will be sent back to the builder within 10 working days.

Q: What is a prepared shrub bed?

A: A prepared shrub bed (ie. planting bed) should contain plant material as well as mulch and/or decorative stone. Planting beds are defined by an edging that is clearly visible from the street. Appropriate edging may be vinyl, block, stone, or concrete. Shrub beds are intended to create mass but may be planted in more than one location if preferred.

For information on appropriate mulch and stone, please refer to the Mulch & Decorative Stone requirements (Section C).



Q: What is the difference between a shrub and a perennial?

A: A perennial is defined as a plant that lives longer than two years, but perennials can be further categorized into two categories: woody plants and herbaceous perennials.

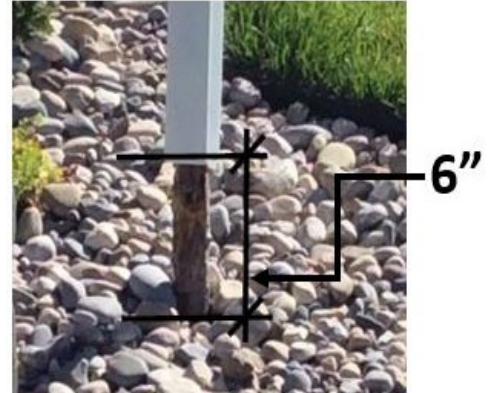
Woody Plants	Herbaceous Perennials
Trees, shrubs, and vines whose above-ground parts persist over the winter, and resume growth in the spring. Only woody plants will count towards the minimum shrub requirements in all Brookfield Communities.	Non-woody plants that die back to the ground each fall, but the roots survive the winter and re-sprout in the spring. Herbaceous perennials may be incorporated into a landscape, but will not count towards the minimum shrub requirements.
Examples include: Hydrangea, Barberry, Dogwood, Juniper	Examples include: Day Lilies, Iris, Peonies, Lavender

Q: What is a deciduous tree?

A: Deciduous trees have broad leaves that fall off in the winter. *Oak trees, maple trees, and fruit trees* are all examples of deciduous trees.

Q: How is a deciduous tree measured?

A: Deciduous trees are measured by the width/diameter of the tree trunk. This measurement is taken 6" up from the ground. To count towards the minimum requirements, deciduous trees must have a minimum 2" (50mm) caliper or bigger, when measured 6" above the ground at the time of the landscaping inspection.



Q: What is a coniferous tree?

A: Coniferous trees have needle-like leaves that they maintain year-round. Some common examples are *spruce trees, pine trees, and fir trees*.

Q: How is a coniferous tree measured?

A: Coniferous trees are measured from the base of the tree at ground level to the tip of the tree at the top. To count towards the minimum requirements, coniferous trees must be at least 6.5 ft. (2.0m) or higher at the time of the landscaping inspection.



Q: There is already a tree in my yard. Can I count this tree as part of my landscaping to meet the requirements?

A: No. The developer planted these trees and although it may appear they are on your property, they have been planted on the boulevard, which is city property. These trees will not satisfy the minimum landscaping requirements for your yard. Not all boulevards are separated from the property by a sidewalk, so these trees appear to be in the front yard. Should something happen to the tree, it is the homeowner's responsibility to notify the city of the issue by calling 311.



Trees planted along the boulevard will not count towards the landscaping requirements.

Q: What if my tree(s), shrubs, or sod dies before the inspection is conducted?

A: To receive full approval, the tree(s), shrubs, and sod must be of a healthy state at the time of the inspection. Plant materials that are dead or dying will not count towards the minimum requirements. The homeowner will be responsible for ensuring their landscaping continues to be of a healthy state after receiving full approval of their landscaping.

Q: The greenhouse does not have any trees large enough to meet the minimum requirement for my landscaping?

A: Local greenhouses carry a limited selection of trees and for ease of transport, they are generally smaller in size. You should contact the tree farms in the area for a larger selection of species and size. The minimum requirements will not be waived or relaxed due to availability. It is a good idea to shop earlier in the season for the best selection. See table below for Edmonton & area tree farms.

Tree Farms in the Edmonton Area		
Name	Address	Contact
Arrowhead Nurseries Ltd.	2503 211 Ave NE Edmonton, AB	Phone: 780-472-6260 Email: arrowheadnurseries@gmail.com
Cheyenne Tree Farms	24309 Twp Rd 510 Beaumont, AB	Phone: 780-929-8102 Email: info@cheyennetree.ca
Kiwi Nurseries	31313 118 Ave NW, Acheson, AB	Phone: 780-962-9297 Email: info@kiwinurseries.com
Classic Landscapes Tree Farm	23016 14 Hwy Sherwood Park, AB	Phone: 780-410-9911

Q: What if I don't think there is enough room to plant a tree(s) in my front yard?

A: Although it may appear there is not room for a tree, it is rare that this is the case. Generally, trees may be hand dug within 1 meter of the utility lines. Ultimately, the location and planting of trees is the responsibility of the homeowner in consultation with the appropriate governing utility authorities and the landscaper. It is not the responsibility of your builder, the developer or the consultant. Generally the size of root ball differs from one species to the next by only 2 to 4 inches and should be planted in a hole approximately 3 feet wide and two feet deep. This being the case, you should not be restricted from placing a tree(s) that meets the requirements for your neighborhood. If you are challenged by space constraints and/or utility locations, you need to:

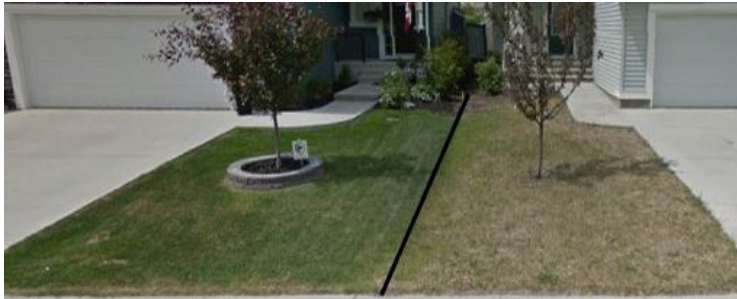
- Contact "Call Before You Dig" to have the utility locations identified and a report will be provided to you noting their locations.
- Review the locations and options available to you with your landscaper.
- Explore the species of trees suited to the challenges of your lot.

If after exploring all options available to you it is determined that it is not possible for you to plant the required tree(s), you will need to assemble the following information and submit to your builder for review:

1. Utility Plan – The original colored copy or a color photocopy of the original.
2. Copy of your plot plan illustrating your proposed landscaping in detail. **i.e.** location of planting and specifics of plant material proposed.

Q: Can I seed my yard instead of installing sod?

A: Seeded grass is not permitted; a healthy sod must be installed at the time of the inspection to receive final approval on your landscaping. It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure their landscaping continues to be of a healthy state after receiving full approval of their landscaping.



Sod and tree in a healthy state

Sod and tree in an unhealthy state



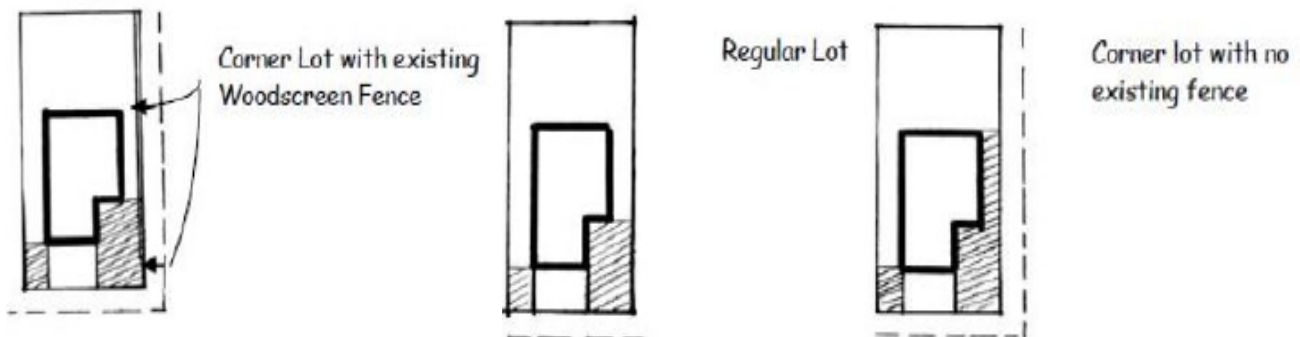
Unhealthy sod

Q: Where sod is required, how much of my yard must be covered to meet the requirements?

A: If the homeowner decides to utilize sod as the primary landscaping material, any hard landscaping must be restricted to tree and/or shrub beds. The sod must be installed on the entire front yard, however side yards at the driveway may be finished in rock or mulch rather than grass. In the case of a corner lot, any portion of the side yard not hidden by an existing wood screen fence is considered the front yard and must be landscaped (see next page for details).



Side yards may be finished in rock or mulch.



Appropriate Sod Locations

Q: There is a boulevard in front of my house between the sidewalk and the curb. Whose responsibility is it to maintain that?

A: While the boulevard is technically owned by the City of Edmonton, it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure it is maintained. If issues should arise (ex. a tree dies), it is the homeowner's responsibility to notify the city of the issue by calling 311.

Q: My neighbor's tree(s) doesn't meet the requirements, and they got their money back, why can't I?

A: We strive to apply the requirements consistently and fairly using our allowed discretion for a tolerance in tree size of up to ¼" on deciduous trees and 6" for coniferous trees if all other elements meet or exceed the minimum standards as set out in the minimum landscaping requirements (Section A). Inspections conducted on properties other than your own will not be discussed.



The boulevard is located between the curb and the sidewalk.

Q: I have spent a lot of money completing my landscaping and feel it far exceeds the average yard in my neighborhood, but I failed my final inspection! Why?

A: The guideline requirements established for the community are in place to ensure that a specific standard of planting will be carried through the development. Although the landscape design you have chosen is perhaps more aesthetically pleasing than neighboring properties, the minimum standard tree and shrub requirements must be met. The planting of additional material and landscape features does not satisfy the minimum tree requirements.

Q: Who can I contact if I want to request a variance on my landscaping?

A: All requests for a variance must be sent to the builder, who will then forward the request onto Brookfield to review. After reviewing the request, Brookfield will respond back to the builder with the final decision.

Q: Are there any requirements for sheds and accessory buildings?

A: Where visible from a public adjacency (park, greenway, road, etc.), accessory buildings must be consistent in style, finish, and colour with the house.

F. Final Inspections (Landscaping & Architectural Inspections)

Final inspections are required to confirm the home (and deck if applicable), landscaping, and fencing comply with the architectural and landscaping guidelines.

Final Inspection Process

Option 1: Builder completes landscape (all product types).

1. Landscaping is rolled into the price of the home; therefore, a deposit is not required.
2. Landscape is completed by builder and the builder is responsible for getting final grading approval.
3. Once the landscape is complete and the city has approved the final grade, the builder would notify Brookfield's Architectural Controls department that the home is ready for its final inspection. A copy of the final grading approval and final grading certificate will be required as part of the final inspection approval.
4. The AC department will inspect the home and completed landscape.
5. If deficiencies are noted, the AC department will re-inspect the lot a second time about a month after the initial inspection. If the deficiencies have not been corrected all inspections will cease unless the builder submits a re-inspection request.
6. At the completion of each stage, Brookfield will review the outstanding deficiencies and respond accordingly.

Option 2: Homeowner completes the landscape (all product types).

1. The homeowner provides the builder with a landscaping deposit at the time of purchase.
2. The landscaping and fencing (if desired) are completed by the homeowner. The homeowner is responsible for getting final grading approval.
3. Once the landscape is complete and the city has approved the final grade, the homeowner would submit a final inspection request to their builder, who will then notify Brookfield's Architectural Controls department that the home is ready for its final inspection. A copy of the **final grading approval, final grading certificate, and final inspection request form** will be required as part of the final inspection approval.
4. The AC department will inspect the home and completed landscape. The results of the inspection will be communicated to the builder who will then notify the homeowner whether the inspection passed or failed.
5. If deficiencies are noted, the AC department will not re-inspect the lot until the homeowner requests a re-inspection. Any applicable deposits taken from the homeowner at the time of purchase shall not be released back to the homeowner until Brookfield confirms total compliance with the approved building plans and community guidelines.

Final Inspection FAQ

Q: Who holds my landscaping security deposit?

A: If a landscaping deposit is taken at the time of purchase, the builder will maintain possession of the deposit until Brookfield confirms total compliance with the approved building plans and the community requirements. Only at that time may the builder release the deposit back to the homeowner. Partial refunds will not be considered.

Q: Why is it my responsibility to ensure the water valve (cc) is marked and exposed?

A: Your builder is responsible to locate, mark and expose your water valve during the construction process, as this is the "on/off" switch to the water into your home. Once you have taken possession of your home it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the water valve remains marked and exposed to ensure easy access.

Q: When will my final inspections be done?

A: Final inspections are done during our regular presence in the neighborhood, which is approximately once a month and subject to weather conditions. If your builder's request is received in our office just prior to our scheduled presence, the response will be immediate. If your request is received just after our scheduled presence you may wait until our next scheduled visit, generally up to 4 weeks. The report of our findings will be forwarded to your builder.

Q: If I have questions regarding the process or status of the final inspection, who should I contact?

A: Your builder is your contact for all questions or concerns regarding the final inspection process and the status or results of your inspection. You can contact the builders' warranty department directly to obtain copies of the information you will need.

Q: What happens to my deposit if I exceed the timeframe set out in the guidelines to complete my landscaping?

A: The time limit in the guidelines is intended to provide an incentive for the timely completion of landscaping. The requirement is not intended to be punitive. We understand that there can be delays in the landscaping process due to weather and seasonal issues, in which case the timeline would be extended. For example, if your rough grade is not obtained in time for you to complete your landscaping in the current growing season, your timeline would automatically be reset to have the landscaping completed by the end of the next growing season. Upon satisfactory completion of your landscaping, any monies owing to you will be refunded by your builder.

Q: How do I request a final inspection (architectural/landscaping)?

A: Homeowners can submit a request for the final inspection to their builder. The builder will notify Brookfield Residential's Architectural Controls department that the homeowner is ready for the final inspection. Brookfield will inspect the home, landscaping, fence (if construction has commenced) as well as the deck(s) and accessory buildings that are visible from a public adjacency to ensure compliance with the current set of community guidelines. It is not necessary for you to be home during the inspection. The results of the inspection will be emailed to your builder. Any questions about the status or results of your inspection should be directed to your builder.

Q: What is required to request a landscaping inspection?

A: To initiate the landscaping inspection, the following must be done:

- The home (including the decks(s) if applicable) must be completed in accordance with your community's current architectural guidelines and as per the approved house plans.
- Permanent address plaque or home addressing numbers must be installed and clearly visible from the street.
- Final grading completed and landscaping completed satisfactorily.
- Final grading certificate and approved grading inspection report from the City of Edmonton, Drainage Branch.
- Water valve exposed and marked.
- Sidewalks, street, gutters, and curbs in clean conditions.
- Emailed request to your builder to perform the inspection. The request must include a signed copy of the Final Inspection Request Form as well as a copy of the grading certificate and city approval of the same. Once the builder has received the required documentation, they will submit a final inspection request to Brookfield. After the inspection has been completed, the results will be emailed to the builder for appropriate action. **Your builder is your point of contact for any questions regarding the status and results of your inspection.**

Q: What if I fail my inspection?

A: Where deficiencies are found and a re-inspection is required, the request must also be made by the builder. A second re-inspection to verify compliance is done at no charge to the builder or homeowner. However, a third re-inspection will result in a charge of \$250.00 to be deducted from the landscaping deposit.

Q: Are landscaping inspections conducted all year round?

A: Landscaping inspections are only done during the growing season (generally speaking May to October) however, no new inspection requests will be accepted after September 15th. After that, only outstanding re-inspections will occur. It is important to note that if your request for your landscaping inspection is received in our office after September 1st, poor weather conditions may result in the delay of the inspection until the following growing season.