

**Section 430.130 Plant Materials**

**A. Plant Selection**

All plant materials used to satisfy the requirements of this chapter must conform with the plant quality standards of the American Association of Nurserymen.

**B. Minimum Planting Sizes**

**1. Trees**

- a. Deciduous shade trees shall be two and one-half (2½) to three inch caliper as measured six inches above ground.
- b. Evergreen trees shall be six to eight (8) feet in height.
- c. Ornamental trees shall be one to one and one-half (1½) inch caliper as measured six inches above ground. The smallest trunk of multi-trunk clusters (three or more trunks) shall be three-quarters (¾) inch.

**2. Shrubs and Hedges**

- a. Deciduous and evergreen shrubs must have a minimum container size of three to five gallons depending upon species and spacing.
- b. Hedges, where required, must be planted and maintained to form a continuous, visual screen within a maximum of one year after time of planting.

**3. Vines**

Vines must be a minimum of 30 inches in height immediately after planting and may be used in conjunction with fences, screens or walls to meet physical barrier requirements as specified.

**4. Ground Covers**

Ground covers used in lieu of grass in whole or in part must have a finished appearance and reasonably complete coverage within three months after planting.

**5. Grass**

**a. Land Disturbance Activities**

When a land disturbance permit has been issued, seeding may be utilized for erosion and sediment control when completed in accordance with Chapter 455. Seeding is also an acceptable grass cover for any land awaiting development.

**b. Building Permits**

When a building permit has been issued for a principal structure upon a lot, the lot must either have sod or hydroseeding installed wherever grass is required to be installed. The hydroseeding or sod must be installed prior to the issuance of any permanent certificate of occupancy.

**C. Installation**

- 1. The Building Inspector will inspect all landscaping and no certificates of occupancy or similar authorization will be issued unless the landscaping is completely installed in compliance with the approved landscape plan and this chapter.

2. All landscaping materials must be installed according to current accepted good planting procedures and in compliance with all applicable ordinances and code requirements.
3. Plant materials must be free from disease and installed in a fashion that ensures the availability of sufficient soil and water to sustain healthy growth.

#### **D. Maintenance**

1. All landscaping materials must be maintained in good condition so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance and must be kept free from refuse and debris.
2. All landscaping must be periodically trimmed so that it does not obstruct a public right-of-way.
3. Diseased and dead landscape material and damaged non-living materials must be replaced within 60 days of receipt of notice from the City by materials equal in size, density and appearance as originally required at the time of site plan approval.
4. The owner, tenant and their agent, if any, will be jointly and severally responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping.
5. Irrigation systems for all areas of turf, trees, shrubs, annual gardens or perennial gardens are required in the R-3B, C-1, C-2, C-3, PO, and BP districts and must be shown on the landscape plan. All irrigation systems must be maintained in proper working condition.