

2022 Landscape and Irrigation Criteria Manual Summary of Changes

These changes are pending Water Commission and Town Council approval

The manual was reformatted and “cleaned up” to correct clarification, typos, etc. Some additional formatting changes may be completed to this manual.

All tracking changes are shown in red in the revised manual. Anything that may affect the current Criteria is listed below.

Section 1 General Provisions

Updated names/titles of people involved with document revision.

Definitions of Terms

- Several definitions were added, deleted, or updated for clarification
- We’re choosing to use the term “planting strip” instead of “tree lawn” as we feel referring to the strip between a sidewalk and street as a “tree lawn” suggests that it should be grass.

Section 4 General Requirements

- Added:
 - A minimum distance of ten (10) feet shall be provided between trees and buildings or trees and fences. Space provided must allow adequate room for mature tree.
 - Artificial turf must be installed and maintained per manufacturers specifications.
- Changed:
 - Plant diversity requirements
- Deleted:
 - Water Efficiency Plan. If landscape revisions are approved, the water efficiency plan would no longer be required.

Section 5 Multi-Family Residential

- Parking lot requirements were revised for clarification purposes and formatting.
- Removed passive recreation area information and refer to Section 10.

Section 6 Single Family and Two-Family Residential

- Added:
 - Landscape design criteria changes for residential front, side, and back yards. These changes will be incentivized through a reduction in system development fees as proposed in the 2023 rates and fees.

- Front, back, and side yard landscape and irrigation must be designed and installed through the homebuilder as part of the construction process. All landscape and irrigation installation must be completed by a Registered Landscape Professional.
- No turf allowed in front yards. Front yard landscape shall utilize a ColoradoScape design. Minimum 75% plant coverage at maturity (3 years).
- Backflow prevention assembly criteria.
- Master valves are required.
- All point-source drip, sub-surface drip, dripper line, and bubblers must be installed with an operational indicator in each planting area and a flush valve, with operational indicator at every dead end.

Section 7 Non-Residential Properties

- **Added:**
 - Plant material requiring more than ten (10) inches of water is not allowed.
 - Native grasses can be temporarily irrigated for establishment.
 - Permanently installed overhead irrigation is not allowed.
 - Water features are not allowed.
- Parking lot requirements were revised for clarification purposes and formatting.

Section 8 Urban Areas

- **Added:**
 - Permanently irrigated planters shall not be less than three (3) feet in width.

Section 9 Streetscapes, Rights-of-Way, and Tracts along Rights-of-Way

- **Added:**
 - Minimum tree planting width is six (6) feet.
 - Water features are not allowed.

Section 10 Parks, Sports Fields, and Golf Courses

- Revised the square feet for passive use areas

Appendix A

- Removed Appendix B: Turf Grasses. This will be located on www.CRgov.com to allow for revisions as deemed necessary.