

Stoneledge Landscape Standards, Rules & Guidelines

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In order to maintain the overall Stoneledge community landscape standards and desired appearance, standards or guidelines are provided as outlined below. Before adding plants, lighting, or yard art (whirly jigs, flags, globes, figurines, etc.), owners are required to submit a request for approval to the Landscape Committee with details including a sketch that shows the current landscape and location and details of the requested modifications, etc.

Decisions will be made with the mindset of “would this proposal be acceptable for all 80 units”. Consistency of committee decisions is important. Owners will be requested to notify the committee when any approved work is complete so that adherence to the approved plan is assured.

- Any rockscape added must be consistent with the color/shape/size of the “river rock” that is prevalent in Stoneledge.

- The addition of art objects must be in keeping with Stoneledge look and should be limited to no more than two items in front or two items in back yards.

- The addition of plants must be ecologically compatible and consistent with existing plants. Neither the number of plants nor the size of plants should overpower the existing plants. Owners who are not full-time or are not in Stoneledge at least monthly are discouraged from adding plants. The landscape contractor’s scope does not include plants added by owner; therefore, it is the owner’s responsibility to trim, maintain, etc. these plants. Slow growing, dwarf varieties are recommended. Owners who are not regularly in Stoneledge will not be able to self-maintain added plants on a routine required. If an owner is approved to add plants and later sells the unit, the owner must obtain a written agreement from the new owner prior to closing that the new owner commits to maintaining added plants, or the selling owner must remove the plants and return the town home yard to its original state.

- Artificial plants are not considered acceptable alternatives.

-The addition of chairs, tables, benches, etc. are not permitted in front or back common area yards.

-The addition of outside landscape lighting should be conservative and with sufficient lumens to provide safe outside travel, but not present an issue with nearby neighbors. Less is better. Traditional style is preferred with standard lighting. No colored lighting is allowed.

Bird Feeders – from Updated Rules and Regulations May 2023

Bird Feeders can be attached to the exterior of the home but attached on to the trim boards. Feeders and planters should be tasteful, maintained and removed when not in use.

Landscaping requests made by owners directly to Willow Tree landscape personnel: (From HOA BOD 6-27-23)

On a few occasions recently, owners have approached crewmembers of Willow Tree and asked them to perform some type of landscaping. These requests have included trimming of trees, trimming/removal of shrubs, and in one case clear-cutting of the shoreline from the sidewalk down to the water. These types of landscape requests need to be made to a landscape committee member (committee members are listed on our website) or our Property Manager, not to Willow Tree. We have met with Willow Tree management and discussed the issue, they in turn have instructed their employees to only take directions from Stoneledge's Property Manager. **As a reminder, all the area outside the walls of an owner's unit is considered community property. Future landscaping performed by owners or others that is not approved by the landscape committee could result in the issuance of a fine.**