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Landscaping Requirements & Recommendations

Lots Served by Municipal Utilities:

- Provide four inches of topsoil (black dirt) and sod in all boulevards prior to receiving a CO (Certificate of Occupancy);
- There shall be four inches of topsoil applied and the lot shall be sodded or professionally seeded from the boulevard edge to the rear wall of the house. This should be completed prior to receiving a CO.

Other Lots in Rural Areas of Andover:

- Four inches of topsoil shall be applied and the boulevards shall be professionally seeded prior to receiving a CO.

Additional Guidelines:

- The topsoil should be tilled in with the existing grade to allow for optimal growth.

Other Options:

- ***Alternative, low-maintenance landscaping:***
 - There are native grasses that may work to satisfy landscaping requirements and alleviate the need for black dirt. Contact Natural Resources Technician for more information.

Tree Requirements:

- The developer/builder is responsible for planting a minimum of two trees or one per 50 feet of lot width measured along the boulevard in the front yard, whichever is greater up to a maximum of four required trees before a CO will be issued;
- Trees are not to be planted in the boulevard;
- Trees shall be at least one and three quarter (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") inches in diameter as measured six inches up from the root collar;
- All trees must be a minimum of six feet in height as measured from ground level after the trees are planted.

These tree requirements shall not apply to a developer if the minimum number of trees are preserved in the front yard of the property and the trees meet the necessary requirements.

Planting Requirements:

- See City of Andover "Tree Planting Detail"

Reminders:

- If planting under power lines, contact the City for recommendations of tree species that may be suitable for such a planting;
- Remember to call Gopher 1 at 651-454-0002 before planting the trees in case of underground utilities.

Tree Recommendations:

The following is a recommendation of different species of trees that can be planted in the City. It favors trees that are native to the area. Trees not indicated on this list may only be used to satisfy the minimum front yard tree requirements if approved by the Natural Resources Technician.

Hardwoods

1. red maple (*Acer rubrum*)
2. silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
3. sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)
4. bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)
5. paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
6. yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*)
7. river birch (*Betula nigra*)
8. northern pin oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*)
9. northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*)
10. bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
11. eastern white oak (*Quercus alba*)
12. American elm (*Ulmus americana*)
13. rock elm (*Ulmus thomasi*)
14. slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*)
15. quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)
16. bigtooth aspen (*Populus grandidentata*)
17. balsam poplar (*Populus balsamifera*)
18. American basswood (*Tilia americana*)
19. hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
20. black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
21. choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
22. pin cherry (*Prunus pennsylvanica*)

23. butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)
24. black willow (*Salix nigra*)
25. ironwood or eastern hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)
26. showy mountain ash (*Sorbus decora*)
27. serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)

Softwoods

1. eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*)
2. red pine (*Pinus resinosa*)
3. jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*)
4. white spruce (*Picea glauca*)
5. black spruce (*Picea mariana*)
6. tamarack (*Larix laricina*)
7. northern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)
8. balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*)

