LANDSCAPING

INCENTIVES TO RETAIN TREES
Get credit for existing trees! Any new build within a new development or mature neighbourhood can receive credits towards their tree requirements for preserving mature trees. The graphic to the right describes the minimum sizes required to receive credit for one or two new trees.

FENCES OR WALLS
Fences and walls can only be a certain height before you need a development permit. You do not need a permit to build a fence or wall:
- Up to 1.2 metres high in a front yard or side yard on a corner lot.
- Up to 1.85 metres high in any other yard.
Fences over these heights require a development permit.

A LOW MAINTENANCE YARD IS POSSIBLE!
No - you can't pave your lawn, but you can cut back on yard maintenance significantly. Did you know that lawns only need 2.5 centimetres of water per week to stay healthy? Choosing plants that thrive in Edmonton's natural climate will also help keep your yard looking lush through rain or drought.
Visit edmonton.ca/greenvards to learn more.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
For your safety, call Alberta One-Call at 1-800-242-3447 to locate buried utilities on your property before digging.

PERMITS
Permits are not required for basic landscaping. Permits and inspections may be required for additional features such as fences over the regulated height, decks, sheds, retaining walls, hot tubs or water features.

EXAMPLES OF HARDSURFACING THAT MEETS REQUIREMENTS

PARKING ON YOUR PROPERTY
Vehicles are only allowed on your property within, or on a driveway leading to, a garage or an approved parking area. They are not permitted within the required landscaped portion of your yard. Vehicles cannot be parked over or on the City sidewalk or boulevard.

HARDSURFACING
Hardsurfacing is paving with continuous asphalt or concrete. This is only allowed on walkways to your door or driveways that lead from the street directly to your garage or parking area.

Do not add more hardsurfacing to your driveway without checking the requirements. Driveways have a maximum width of 3.7 metres per side-by-side parking stall. For example, if you have a double car garage your driveway can only be 7.4 metres wide.
Creating or reconstructing an access or hardsurfaced area requires approval. Please discuss your options with a development approvals representative at the Edmonton Service Centre.

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HARDSURFACING & LANDSCAPING

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REQUIREMENTS

Edmonton’s Zoning Bylaw requires that you landscape your property within 18 months of occupancy. Trees and shrubs can be located in any yard on the property while seed/sod is required on any yard visible from a public street.

Residential developments are required to plant trees and shrubs according to the tables to the right and relevant sections of the Zoning Bylaw.

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- Number, size, and type of new and preserved trees (use the applicable table to determine how many you need)
- Seed/sod or alternate ground cover

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- (1) New deciduous tree
- (2) New coniferous tree
- (3) Existing deciduous tree
- (4) Existing coniferous tree

Site Plan

- Lot Area: XXX.XXm²
- House Area: XXX.XXm²
- Garage Area: XXX.XXm²
- Lot Coverage: XXX.XX%
- Total Site Coverage: XXX.XX%

House type: 2-story
Finished floor: XXX.XX
Bottom of footing: XXX.XX
Front step: XXX.XX
Back of house: XXX.XX

Tree and Shrub Legend

- (1) New deciduous tree (100mm caliper)
- (2) New coniferous tree (1.5m height)
- (3) Existing deciduous tree (100mm caliper)
- (4) New seed or sod

Municipal Address
12345 – 678 Street NW

Legal Address
Lot: X  Block: 00  Plan: 0000

Date: Month Day, Year

Scale: 1: XXX