



## Landscaping Your Development Quick Reference Guide

### Security Releases Schedule

- If your Development Permit was approved pre-July 2017:
  - Year 1: 1st Inspection/Year of Install
  - Year 2 (optional): 50% Release with successful inspection
  - Year 3: 100% Release with successful inspection
- If your Development Permit was approved post-July 2017:
  - Year 1: 1st Inspection/Year of Install and Collection of Security
  - Year 2 (optional): Inspection to release security for deficiencies
  - Year 3: 100% Release with successful inspection (24 months after 1st inspection)
  - PLEASE BE ADVISED that invoices are NOT ACCEPTED to alter year of installation, and your year of install/release schedule begins upon your FIRST INSPECTION with timely submission of security.

### Ensuring your security release

- **Prepare Your Site:** Prior to requesting your inspection, ensure you have performed all the necessary maintenance and replacements. If substantial deficiencies and lack of maintenance are identified upon arrival for inspection, the site will not be inspected.
- **Tree Stake Removal:** Tree stakes must be removed before funds can be released, please ensure they have been removed before requesting your final inspection. Tree stakes left on trees will result in girdling, and the eventual death of the tree. Any trees with evidence of girdling are required to be replaced.
- **Lot Grading Approval:** Lot Grading must be completed before funds can be released. Contact 311 and provide your address or development permit number to ensure your lot grading has been approved prior to requesting your landscape inspection.
- **Changes to Approved Plan:** If your installed landscaping is different from the approved landscape plan, prior to requesting your inspection either apply for exterior alterations or let the Landscape team know and they can advise you how to proceed. Notify ASAP to prevent delays in the release of your security.
- **Maintenance Period:** Communication between developers/property owners is key to a successful maintenance period. Ensure all parties are aware of obligations and requirements.

### Caliper/Height Requirements for Trees

- Refer to your approved plans for specified sizes of plant material.
- Section 55 of the Edmonton Zoning Bylaws 2800 requires as a minimum:
  - **50mm caliper** for deciduous trees
  - **2.5m height** for coniferous trees
- Any trees found to be undersized will not be accepted, and will require replacement.

### [City of Edmonton Design & Construction Standards Vol. 5](#)

- Please refer to these standards for proper installation of landscaping. (Provided at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca))

### City of Edmonton - Contact Us

- For any inquiries to any department within the City of Edmonton, please contact 311.