

Guidelines for Bloomfield landscaping:

1. Landscaping of a minor nature such as changing styles of turf grass, naturalizing an area of yard in a well-kept manner, or adding trees, shrubs and flowers does not need approval.

Landscaping that is structural in nature, changes the contour of the land, is adjacent to property lines, obstructs a neighbor's view of common areas, creates a visual screen, barrier, or an abrupt and highly distinctive transition in the overall neighborhood visual flow needs approval.

2. **Tree Removal**

The removal of dead, diseased, or storm damaged trees that pose an immediate threat to a residence does not require approval. Documentation of this damage, disease or threat should be recorded.

Removal of any live tree in excess of 6 inches in diameter requires approval. These trees should be marked with a bright ribbon so that the Landscape Committee can easily locate them. Requests will be denied if the tree to be removed is not clearly identified to your neighbors and the Landscape Committee.

When removed, trees should be cut as close to the ground as possible. Removal of stumps is at the discretion of the property owner, but is encouraged unless removal will cause erosion.

No topping or removal of trees on Homeowner Association common areas is permitted without specific approval.

The Homeowner Association has the ability to require immediate replacement of mature trees with like trees if removal occurred without prior approval.

3. **Vegetable garden plots**

All vegetable garden plots need to be kept to the backyard and properly screened from the road.

4. All retaining walls, storm drains or any significant drainage changes need approval.

Materials that would be preferred for retaining walls include things with a natural appearance. (Stone, brick, treated wood, or wood naturally resistant to deterioration.)

Contour changes should be considerate of potential erosion problems and any impact that it may have on adjacent property.

5. Lighting

Low voltage landscape lighting, accent lighting and normal wall mounted residential lighting fixtures that provide area lighting and do not direct flood or spot lights beyond property lines do not need approval.

Other lighting like lamp posts, security, or special pupose lighting need approval. Lighting should be installed in a manner that does not shine directly at a neighbor's windows or constitute a nuisance to adjacent property owners.

6. Decorations, lawn ornaments, flagpoles, ornamental fences, and ponds

Holiday related decorations and lighting of a temporary nature being displayed only in the related holiday season do not need approval.

Lawn ornaments that significantly alter the appearance of the yard, ponds, water features, freestanding flagpoles, and ornamental fences taller than one foot (1') need approval.

7. Driveways and parking pads

All permanent parking pads should be constructed of concrete and meet Wake County guidelines.

8. Fuel and storage tanks

Any fuel tank other than the tank related to your fireplace, need approval. All tanks should be placed in the least conspicuous place practical, preferably in the rear or most obscure side of the residence. Tanks typically should be screened or camouflaged from view from the street and the views of all neighbors. Plans should illustrate any appropriate screening.