

# **HIDDEN RIDGE ASSOCIATION LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are meant to give helpful guidance for landscaping within Hidden Ridge. However they are not meant to be all-inclusive; all owners are responsible for complying with Article VI of the Bylaws, pertaining to construction and landscaping.

## **Timelines**

### New Construction

Landscaping plans should be presented to the Architectural Committee in a timely manner. It will normally take the Committee 10-14 days to complete the review, however if any waivers are being requested then allow 30 days.

All landscaping is expected to be completed within six months of the date of completion of the residence.

All stumps, trees and brush cut or cleared to provide for dwelling and/or driveway construction must be removed from the premises, except timber cut and saved for firewood. Firewood shall not be stored within the setbacks or in the front of any lots.

### Post-Construction

Minor changes or additions to landscaping do not require approval by the Architectural Committee. However any substantial changes, such as the addition of trees or other plantings that may affect views from adjoining lots, must be submitted to and approved by the Committee.

## **Views**

The selection and placement of plantings will be evaluated by the Committee for potential impact on views from adjoining lots.

## **Trees**

- Any trees within the building envelope may be removed if desired.
- Trees outside the building envelope may be removed if:
  - They are less than 8" in diameter
  - They are not within the perimeter no-cut zone
  - Any trees over 8" in diameter that are to be removed for the purpose of constructing a driveway must be identified on the construction plans submitted to the Architectural Committee and may not be removed without approval by the committee.
  - Selective thinning and pruning for views is allowed, provided that trees over 8" in diameter shall not be removed, nor shall there be complete removal of

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branches of any tree above 6 feet from the ground. It is not the intent to allow broad 180 degree openings for view purposes.

## **Screening of Utilities**

- Landscaping should be added around the roadside electrical, cable and phone boxes to hide the boxes from view from the road.
- Landscaping should be added to hide meters and other services from view from neighboring lots.