

Parkway Landscape Guidelines

To help make your parkway beautiful and stay in compliance with Chapter 12.32, of the City of Norwalk Municipal Code (NMC), the Public Services department has provided a quick reference guide. Please note: All parkway landscaping is the sole responsibility of the homeowner and the City **does not** offer financial assistance for landscape improvement projects.

Standard Parkway Landscaping

No approval or plan is required if grass or drought tolerant ground cover from the approved list is used. Ground covers should not be taller than twelve (12) inches. Approved ground covers include:

- Bronze Carpet*
- Parvifolium*
- Heartfelt Ice Plant*
- Silver Carpet*
- Turkey Tangle Fogfruit*

*Please refer to reverse side for specific information on each ground cover.

Alternative Parkway Landscaping:

The approved ground cover list is not exclusive and alternative parkway plant materials may be used in accordance with the following guidelines and **with approval** of the Director of Public Services:

- Accent plants should be no taller than twenty-four (24) inches
- Non-vegetative ground cover cannot cover more than 50% of the parkway
 - Non-vegetative ground cover is limited to: mulch, shredded bark, decomposed granite, paving, brick tile, or concrete
 - Non vegetative ground cover must be maintained in good condition and must be on grade flush with the abutting sidewalk or curb
- A minimum eighteen inch (18") side convenience strip shall be provided adjacent to the curb, plant material taller than twelve inches (12") may not be planted in strip
- Artificial Turf is allowed

Please note that a minimum six foot (6') clearance on each side of parkway trees will be required for approval (subject to size of parkway and tree). Parkway trees must be maintained neat and trimmed and must not obstruct any streets, sidewalks, driveways, walkways or curbs nor shall it interfere with overhead or underground utility lines or street lights.

To obtain approval for Alternative Parkway Landscaping, please submit a proposed layout illustrating plant material, trees, hardscape, etc. for review to the Community Development Department located at City Hall, Room 12.

To view the full ordinance:

- Visit the City's website at www.norwalkca.gov; go to City Hall tab; and click on "Municipal Code"; go to NMC 17.03.010 (Landscape Standards) and NMC 12.32.250 (Parkway Landscape Standards) or for direct access visit <http://www.qcode.us/codes/norwalk>; or
- Visit City Hall, Community Development Department located in Room 12, to view hard copies of the NMC.