



RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING & TREE INFORMATION

The purpose of Development Code Chapter 17.56 *Landscaping Standards* is to establish minimum landscape requirements to enhance the appearance of developments, extend the green space network of the city, reduce heat and glare, control soil erosion, conserve water, ensure ongoing maintenance of landscape areas, reduce wildfire hazards, and ensure that landscape installations do not create hazards for motorists or pedestrians. ([Chapter 17.56](#))

Residential Front Yard Landscaping Area

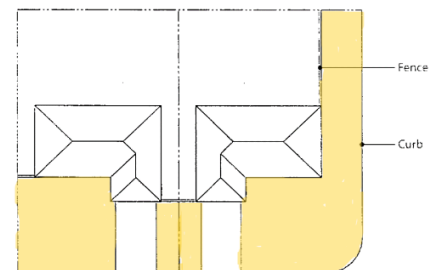
- For the purposes of this chapter, "front yard" shall mean the area extending across the full width of the lot between the back of sidewalk and the building or structure on said lot.
- For corner lots, the area extending the full depth of the lot between the back of sidewalk and any perimeter fence, wall or structure, and visible from the right-of-way shall also be included. Lots without parkway and sidewalk improvements shall be measured from the back of curb.

FIGURE 17.56.070-1 FRONT YARD LANDSCAPING AREA

Front Yard Area Along Streets with Sidewalks and Parkways



Front Yard Area Along Streets without Sidewalks and Parkways



See areas **highlighted** in Figure 17.56.070-1 that indicate the front yard landscaping areas.

Residential Front Yard Landscape & Hardscape Materials

<u>Landscape</u>	<u>Hardscape</u>	<u>Decorative Hardscape</u>
Turf (natural or synthetic) Ground cover Trees Shrubs Other plant material	Concrete Asphalt Other impermeable material that does not allow water percolation	Pavers Gravel/Rock Other permeable material that allows water percolation

Residential Front Yard Landscape & Hardscape Ratios

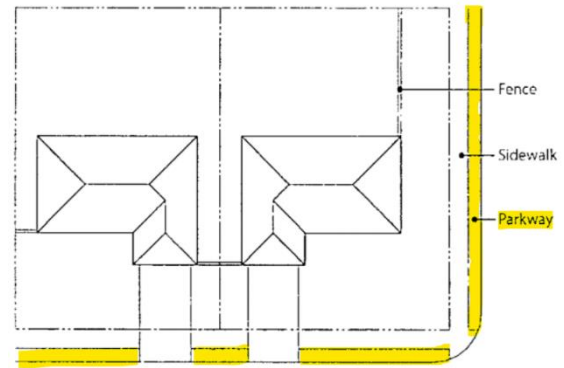
Refer to Figure 17.56.070-1 on this page for the definition of the front yard landscaping area.

1. Landscape shall occupy a **minimum** of 25 percent (%) of front yard landscaping area.
2. Hardscape shall occupy a **maximum** of 50 percent (%) of front yard landscaping area.
3. Decorative hardscape shall occupy a **maximum** of 25 percent (%) of front yard landscaping area.



Residential Parkway Landscape Maintenance, Materials, & Methods

- The owner of private property adjoining the **area between the curb and the sidewalk known as the parkway** shall be responsible to plant, install, maintain and irrigate landscaping in the parkway for the entire frontage of the property in accordance with this section;
- This responsibility applies to all single-family property owners and homeowners associations with landscaped areas that are not within a designated Landscape Maintenance District (LMD). Visit the website to see if your property is in an LMD: <https://www.cityofrc.us/your-government/special-districts>.
- See areas **highlighted** in the figure that indicate the parkway areas.



Chapter 17.56.070.D. Permitted residential parkway landscaping materials and methods are listed below.

- Low water use plants, excluding cactus, roses and all other sharp, pointed, and thorn type plant structures. Plants shall not exceed a height of 18 inches at maturity.
- Low water use turf alternatives (i.e. groundcover and grasses)
- Synthetic turf that meets the requirements of section 17.56.050. Refer to Development Code.
- Decomposed granite
- Gravel that is three-quarter inch in size and is not smooth may be used as ground cover
 - Installed below the curb to prevent migration of material
- Mulch or bark may be used as ground cover
 - Installed below the curb to prevent migration of material
- All trees within the parkway shall be irrigated properly to ensure the life of the tree.

Trees on Residential Property or within the Parkway

- Trees located on private property, or in a parkway that is not maintained by the city, are the responsibility of the property owner. Tree maintenance does not require a permit with the city. Tree removal may require a **Tree Removal Permit**. See the Planning Department's **Tree Removal Permit Checklist** for more details.
- If a tree is a designated city tree or is in a parkway that is maintained by the city, then contact the Public Works Department for questions regarding maintenance or removal. Call 909-477-2730 or visit their website at <https://www.cityofrc.us/your-government/trees>.

MWELO Requirements

Per Development Code Chapter 17.82, the state's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) has been adopted by the city. In addition to all applicable requirements in Chapter 17.56, any rehabilitation landscaping projects of areas 2,500 square feet or greater shall also adhere to the MWELO requirements. Contact the Planning Department for more information.

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