

Boulevard Garden Policy



Guidelines for Non-Standard Boulevard Treatments

Property owners are encouraged to maintain the standard turf grass municipal boulevard in front of their property. Homeowners wishing to install alternatives to sod shall follow the non-standard boulevard landscape treatment guidelines.

1. The homeowner shall sign this policy below to attest they have read and will follow these guidelines and shall submit their signed policy to the City for registration prior to commencing a boulevard garden.
2. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate all servicing, such as gas, phone, Hydro, cable etc. prior to commencing any works on the boulevard.
3. All boulevard gardens shall be limited to perennial or annual plant material up to 60cm* tall except within street intersection lots where plants shall not exceed 30cm tall. Shrubs up to 30cm in height are permitted. Decomposable mulches are permitted. Property owners are not permitted to plant trees. Noxious weeds and invasive plants are not permitted.
4. A 30 cm setback shall remain in place for all sidewalks, curbs and driveway edges.
5. The landscape treatment shall maintain positive surface drainage.
6. Property owners shall maintain their sidewalk free and clear of all debris in accordance with City of Barrie Yard Maintenance By-law 2011-107 and Nuisance By-Law 2025-110.
7. The City of Barrie reserves the right to require with due notice that the boulevard be returned to turf grass at any time at the property owner's expense, failing which the City may remove all non-compliant material and restore the boulevard to the turf grass standard.
8. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate their property line through their legal survey. In accordance with Zoning By-law 2009-141 (Residential) retaining walls or fences shall be set back 0.3 meters from any lot line abutting a street. Hedges shall be set back 1.0 meters from the front lot line and in the case of a corner lot, hedges shall be also set back 1.0 meters from the side lot line abutting the street. Permanent installations such as in-ground irrigation systems, fencing, or hard mulches such as pea gravel or small rocks are not permitted on the boulevard.
9. In the event that-emergency works are required that will disturb an existing boulevard garden, no notification will be provided. In the event of scheduled boulevard works, City staff will notify the homeowner two weeks in advance, giving them the opportunity to salvage plant material. Following any boulevard works, the boulevard will be restored to the sod standard unless the homeowner states their intent to reestablish the boulevard plantings within 30 days, weather permitting. Reestablished boulevard gardens should be in compliance with this

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policy. Following the 30 day period, if no homeowner plantings have taken place, the City will restore the boulevard to turf. The City of Barrie assumes no responsibility for the cost of repairs of any damages to the garden on the boulevard.

10. The property owner shall maintain clear and easy access to all above-ground and underground services, including but not limited to fire hydrants and valves, Bell pedestals, and Hydro transformer boxes.

* 1"= 2.54 cm

I have read the above policy and agree to abide by its guidelines:

Signature

Date

Name (please print):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Please check the box below if you agree:

Communities In Bloom may contact me regarding my garden.

Please drop off your signed policy copy at:

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