

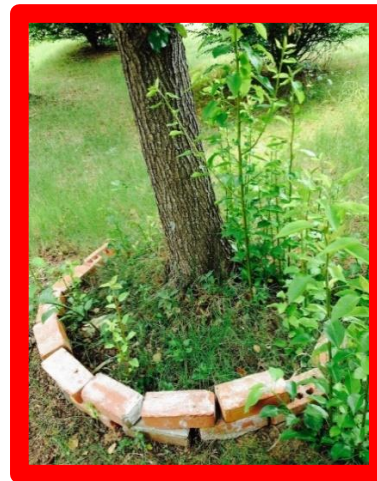
EXTERIOR STANDARDS

Lawn



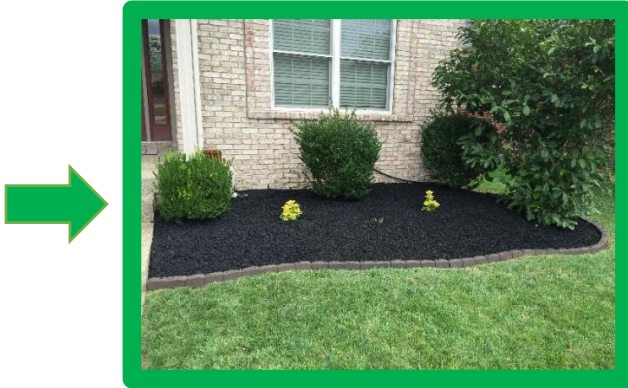
- Grass cannot be taller than 8". This includes areas that should be string trimmed. Ex: Around homes, retaining walls, landscape beds, tree rings.
- Grass cannot contain more than 25% weeds.
 - Fertilize product
 - When to apply: Late April or early May
 - How much per bag: \$6+
- Grass edging must be well defined where it is adjacent to a hard surface.

Trees



- Trees should not touch the house.
- Tree suckers must be removed.
- Trees should be pruned so they are at least six feet from the ground. Pine trees and ornamental are excluded from sidewalks.
- Trees more than 50% dead must be removed. If the front lawn tree is removed, it should be replaced.
- Tree stumps must be ground out to grade and the area restored when a tree has been removed.

Landscape Beds



- Uniform and fresh bed covering must be in place.
- They must maintain a well-defined edge.
- No more than a handful of weeds permitted.

Shrubs



- Plants more than 50% dead must be removed and replaced.
- Due to the varying degree of shrubs varieties and sizes, overgrown shrubs will be handled on a case by case basis.
- Items that will be considered:
 - More than 6 inches of new growth.
 - Plants growing into other plants (not hedges).
 - Touching the home.
 - Growing through, over, around, etc. fences, railings, etc.
 - Intruding on walkways.
- Plants must be reasonably maintained to be aesthetically pleasing.

Annual and Perennial Flowers



- Must be removed if dead.
- Perennials must be cut back by December 1st.
- Grasses are permitted throughout the winter.

Fall cleanup



- Leaves shall be removed from the turf and landscape beds by December 15th.

Yard Waste



- Storing yard waste in view or setting waste out for pickup on any day except collection day is prohibited. YARD WASTE includes any natural material during the care of lots, lawns and landscaping.
- Dumping yard waste on common elements is prohibited and will be considered illegal dumping. Offenders may be prosecuted.

Mail Box



- Mailboxes must be maintained just the same as the exterior of the home.
- Mailbox posts must be painted if they are discolored or paint has worn away.
- White post guards are an easy way to prevent damage.
- Mailboxes should always have the address numbers visible and in good condition.
- Mailbox itself should not be rusted.

Power Washing



- Homes should be free of all algae and discoloration.

Other



- It is prohibited to store yard equipment, materials, supplies, tools, mulch, or any other item on the lawn or in landscape beds, including:
 - Mulch bags, sand, top soil, stone, timbers, yard waste, pots, weed cloth, edging materials



- Firewood must be placed in an inconspicuous location at the rear or side yard (if not on a corner lot), always stacked neatly and kept in good condition. Protective tarps used to cover stacked firewood must be earth-tone in color.



- Vegetable gardens are part of the lawn and landscape. Before planting a garden, submit a request to the association management company for approval. Approved gardens must be maintained in an orderly, weed-free manner on a regular basis to remain in compliance.

Reminder:

As you start to think about doing Spring and Summer projects be sure to fill out your exterior modification application and submit to admin@cpscolumbus.com before starting the work. All exterior modification must be approved by the Board before work can be started.

You can get the application from your owner portal at www.cpscolumbus.com.