

## **City of Apopka**

### **Summary of Landscape Design and Installation Requirements**

- No more than 50% of the green space area or ½ acre, whichever is smaller, may be planted with a lawn grass that has a rating of low drought tolerance (i.e. St. Augustine grasses)
- Medians, open spaces and retention areas must use drought tolerant grasses with a rating of medium or better (i.e. Bahia grass).
- Plant selection must be based on the plant's adaptability to the existing conditions at the site. Appropriate hardiness zone, soil type, moisture conditions, exposure to sun, and the mature plant size must be considered.
- The landscape must be installed a minimum of 2.5 feet from the foundation.
- Turf and non-turf areas are to be designed to be distinctly separate when irrigation is used.
- Plants must be selected based upon Florida Friendly landscape concepts outlined in the UF/IFAS Florida Yards and Neighborhoods handbook and published in the UF/IFAS Florida Friendly Plant List (current addition). Trees and plants other than those listed in the Florida Friendly Plant List must be approved by the City.
  - \* The current Florida Friendly Plant List can be found on the City website at [www.apopka.net](http://www.apopka.net)
- Root barriers with a minimum depth of 36" must be installed when canopy trees are planted within 5 feet from utilities, walls, sidewalks and any other structure as determined by the city.
- Single-family residential developments are required to submit a self-certification checklist and a list of plants installed on the site to the City upon completion of the installation. A copy of the checklist and plant list must also be provided to the property owner. A random number of inspections by the City may be conducted.
- A valid permit must be obtained from the City prior to installation, expansion, or modification for all development except for individual single-family residential homes.
- Prior to the issuance of a permit for construction of a new non-residential building, common area, or the substantial alteration of a non-residential building or site, a landscape plan (when required) shall be submitted and approved by the City.

\* For more information, please refer to Ordinance 2069 on the City website at [www.apopka.net](http://www.apopka.net) or contact the Public Services Department at 407-703-1731.