



RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

The following information is provided as a general guide to landscape requirements for residential properties. For additional information, please contact the City of Savage at (952) 882-2660.

Single Family and Two Family Housing Units shall require the following:

The planting of two (2) trees per dwelling unit, one of which must be a deciduous shade tree.

1. When two or more healthy, significant trees are present per dwelling unit, no trees are required to be planted. For the purpose of this section, a significant tree shall be any healthy deciduous shade tree (except Russian Olive, Cottonwood, Box elder, Mulberry and Elm) that measures six inches (6) or more in diameter, or any healthy coniferous (evergreen) tree that measures four inches (4) or more in diameter.
2. Trees shall be planted only on private property, within a front, side or rear yard, and not planted in utility or drainage easements.
3. In developed areas, sod shall be required between the curb and property line (boulevard/right of way), and within front and side yards which have been disturbed. Seeding or other acceptable ground cover may be permitted in front, rear and side yards if a lawn acceptable to the City can be established in one growing season. Acceptable ground covers may also include native grasses or nursery grown vegetation. Ground covers which require more than one season for establishment are permitted provided an acceptable cover crop is present soil erosion and weed establishment.

4. A cash escrow specifically for the planting of required trees shall be part of a combined final turf, tree and grading escrow. The escrow amount shall be determined by the City Council and shall be refunded when all of the following are completed:

1. Required trees are installed.
2. Final grade requirements are completed.
3. Ground cover requirements are completed.

PLANT TYPE	MINIMUM SIZE
Deciduous Shade Tree	Two and one half (2 ½) inch diameter (or two 1.5")
Deciduous Ornamental Tree	One and one half (1 ½) inch diameter
Coniferous (Evergreen Tree)	Six feet in height (or two 3')

Due to the nature of their growth and invasive characteristics, the following tree species are prohibited from being planted within the City of Savage:

- Box elder – *Acer Negundo*
- Silver Maple – *Acer saccharinum*
- Northern Catalpa – *Catalpa speciosa*
- Russian Olive – *Elaeagnus Angustifolia*
- Ginkgo (Female only) – *Ginkgo biloba*
- Mulberry – *Morus alba*
- Cottonwood (seedless varieties allowed) *Populus deltoids*
- Willow – *Salix spp.*

Additional information on landscaping and trees can be found on the City of Savage's website at: http://www.cityofsavage.com/parks_natural.html