



PrairieStar Metropolitan District Newsflash

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Front Yard Landscaping



The PrairieStar Design Review Committee (PRDC) has received quite a few questions regarding the requirements for submitting a Design Review Request (DRR) when replacing front yard landscaping—below is the requirement listed in the current Rules and Design Guidelines (dated February 16th, 2017):

“Front yard improvements or modifications REQUIRE SUBMITTAL and approval by the Authorized Entity. Any changes which increase planting areas or reduce turf areas require submittal. Adding plantings to non-turf areas (e.g. replacing rock beds and flower beds) DOES NOT require submittal.”

To clarify, you do not need to submit a DRR if you wish to replace a tree in your front yard, so long as it is on the Town of Berthoud’s approved tree list. You also do not need to submit a DRR if you’d like to plant flowers, shrubs, etc. in your rock bed/hardscape areas. A DRR is only required if you are reducing turf areas (e.g. adding a flower bed where there is currently grass, replacing grass with rock beds/hardscape).

Reminder on Backyard Landscape Installation



Spring is here, and summer is right around the corner—which means deadlines for backyard landscape installation are fast approaching for many residents. Those who closed on their homes in 2016 were given an extension on their landscape installation until June 30th, 2017, and those who closed in 2017 are subject to the below requirement as listed in the February 16th, 2017 version of the Rules and Design Guidelines:

“Landscaping is required to be installed within 180 days after acquisition of title to the property. For properties for which title is acquired after June 30, of any given year, the 180 days shall automatically be extended to July 1 of the following year. This is to allow adequate seasonal timing to install such landscaping. Submittal of a Design Review Request doesn’t constitute completion of your landscaping; please ensure submittal of your landscaping plans will allow for the review period of up-to forty-five (45) days for approval, taking into consideration your specific conditions as it relates to the installation deadline.”

**If you have any questions, comments, or updates regarding the installation of your backyard landscape, please contact Elizabeth Ward—District Community Manager:
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