

If you have questions about the strip of land in front of your house that is hard to maintain and water then we have some answers.

What is a parkstrip?

The parkstrip is the area between the back of the curb and the sidewalk. This space can be a problem area or a space that gives your property some curb appeal.



Do parkstrip widths vary in size?

Yes, the standard width for parkstrips is between 4' and 5'. However, in older parts of the City they may be larger, which accommodates larger rooted trees. Trees that should be planted in 4'- 5' wide parkstrip areas are small to medium sized trees. Parkstrip areas that are 6' and greater can accommodate medium to large sized trees. To find out what trees are allowed in your area call the Urban Forester @ 629-8286. (a tree permit is required)

Can I cover the parkstrip with rocks?

Yes, rock ground cover can be used instead of grass or shrubs. There can be no concrete surface underneath the rock and street trees are

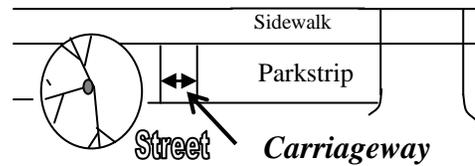


still required. The rock that is used needs to be between 1.5" and 4" in size. If rocks smaller than 1.5" in size are used then living plant material is required for portions of the area the full width of the parkstrip or if no shrubs then in a defined pattern varying rock size or color needs to be provided.



Can I have a walkway from the curb to the sidewalk?

Yes, this is called a carriageway and should only be 4' wide. A carriageway can be constructed out of poured concrete, brick pavers, or natural stone pavers.



Are there any prohibited materials that I can not use in the parkstrip?

Yes, the following material are prohibited to be used in the parkstrip area:

- * Asphalt
- * Concrete (other than in the cariageway and drive approach.)
- * Thorn-bearing plant are discouraged.
- * Materials or objects that exceed two feet (2') in height. This would include boulders, vegetation or other objects except street trees.
- * Shrubs which create visual barriers
- * Structural encroachments, such as retaining wall or fences (unless an encroachment permit is granted by the City.)

Do I need a permit to do landscape improvements in the right-of-way?

You need a permit for a drive approach, which is granted from the Engineering Department. A street tree permit also needs to be approved by the Urban Forester. Otherwise, by following the guidelines in this brochure, no additional permits are required.

If I live on a corner lot do I have height restrictions?

Yes, on a corner lot you have a 40' site triangle which is measured at the corner curb line. In this area you can not have plant material over 2' in height.

Do you have any helpful information on getting started?

Yes, we would recommend that you follow the eight steps listed below:

1. **Measure the site** -The square footage is determined by multiplying the strip width by its length.
2. **Determine Site Needs**- Is the park strip in sun or shade; for how long and for what time of day? Knowing this will help in selecting the right plants for the space.
3. **Make a Plan**- Drawing a plan of the parkstrip will help in determining your needs. The location of a tree too close to the drive approach can create problems for access into the drive once the canopy of a tree develops. Planning ahead can save you problems in the future.
4. **Select the plants**- Pick plants that are appropriate for your site: ones that won't be too tall, too wide, get the right sun and do not need a lot of water.
5. **Prepare the soil**- Many plants need soil rich in organic material. You can provide this by adding in compost before you plant. However, native plants want soil low in fertility and quick draining.
6. **Plant**- After removing plants from their containers, rough up the root ball so the roots aren't in a tight ball. Place plants so that the top of the root ball is above the existing grade by one inch (this ensures good drainage).
7. **Water**-Even water-wise plants need time to establish. Use a screwdriver inserted into the soil near the root ball to determine if the plants need water. If the screwdriver goes in easily, the roots have enough water.
8. **Mulch**- To keep the soil moist and cool and to reduce weeds, place 3 to 4 inches of compost, bark, or fine natural colored gravel over the parkstrip, taking care to not bury the plants or the water meter.

What can be planted in the park strip?

Most often trees and grass are planted in the parkstrip. Grass may not always be the most water-wise decision to use in the parkstrips. Some plants that could be used in the park strip areas that are drought tolerant are listed below:



America maritima
"Bloodstone"
Bloodstone Thrift
Sun
14" high x 14" wide
Spring bloom



Geranium ssp.
Cransebill
Sun to part shade
18" high x 18" wide
Spring bloom



Festuca ovina
glauca
Dwarf Blue Fescue
Sun to part shade
15" high x 18" wide
Blue/Green Grass



Salvia "May Night"
May Night Sage
Sun
18" high x 18" wide
Early Summer bloom



Caryopteris clandonensis
Blue Mist Spiraea
Sun
18" high x 18" wide
Summer bloom



Veronica liwanensis
Turkish Speedwell
Sun to part shade
12" high x 12" wide
Early summer



Juniperus horizontalis
"Youngstown"
Youngstown
Andorra Juniper
Sun
12" high x 6' wide
Evergreen



Rhus aromatica
"Gro-Low"
Gro-Low Fragrant
Sumac
Sun to shade
18" high x 5' wide
Fall color



Arenaria montana
Montana
Sandwort
Sun
4" high x 24" wide
Spring bloom



Hymenoxys acaulis
Angelita Daisy
Sun
14" high/14" wide
Late spring bloom



Lavandula latifolia
English Lavender
Sun
18" high x 18" wide
Summer bloom



Coreopsis grandiflora
Perennial Tickseed
Sun to part shade
18" high x 18" wide
Spring bloom

Waterwise Plants for Shade



Sedum spectabilis
"Autumn Joy"
Autumn joy Sedum
Sun
18" high x 24" wide
Fall bloom



Sedum spurium
"Bronze Carpet"
Bronze carpet
stonecrop
Sun
4" high x 24" wide



Aster novi-belgii
"Professor Kippenburg"
Dwarf Aster
Kippenburg
Sun
15" high x 15" wide
Fall Bloom



Aquilegia caerulea
Columbine
Shade
12" high x 12" wide
Spring bloom



Bergenia cordifolia
Heartleaf
Bergenia
Shade to part sun
12" high x 24" wide
Spring pink
bloom



Vinca minor
"Variegata"
Peiwinkle
Shade to part sun
8" high x 20" wide
Blue bloom

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