

# COTTONWOOD SQUARE & COMMONS

## PLANTING GUIDELINES

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**Below are the landscaping requirements that Cottonwood Square & Commons abides by when considering our community landscaping needs.**

### LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

- Low litter (less for the landscaping crew to clean during maintenance days)
- No thorns (plants with thorns are used sparingly and only at entryways where not accessible to passers-by or their animals)
- Non invasive roots to protect foundations, utility lines, and irrigation pipes
- Plants that do not invoke seasonal allergies
- Drought tolerant - always WATER WISE planting; we water according to the recommended water guidelines published by the AZ Master Gardener Yavapai County program & within Cottonwood city-wide usage restrictions
- Plants are watered according to their needs - not the BUDGET - trees have multiple emitters to water thoroughly and according to their maturity
- We plant according to sun coverage throughout the neighborhood - full sun, partial sun, shade, etc to determine which plants thrive in which areas
- Must withstand 15 degree temps during winter season, full sun conditions during peak of the summer season
- Consider reflected sun areas & plant accordingly (where applicable)
- Balance evergreen vs deciduous for all year interest & color
- Irrigation lines are plugged when plants are removed to prevent water waste - they are unplugged if & when a new plant is planted
- Need to minimize maintenance needs & water usage while maximizing the visual appeal of landscaping use throughout the neighborhood, entryways, common areas, and street spaces

### LANDSCAPED AREAS MAINTAINED BY THE HOA

1. Entryways
2. Common areas
3. Clubhouse & pool area
4. Front & side yards
5. Exterior landscaping (along public access roads: Camino Real, Elm St, 12th St, 16th St)

*NOTE: Planting days are scheduled seasonally and based on available budget. Some plants are replenished by the AZ Botanical Gardens landscaping crew who maintains our neighborhood 2 days a week. These efforts are managed by the HOA board and require prior approval.*