

XI. Lawn and Landscaping Guidelines

Overview: An attractive lawn raises the value of all our properties and enhances the beauty of the entire community. As a homeowner, you have a responsibility to keep your yard and grass attractive and maintained to benefit all homeowners.

1. All lawn and garden areas must be kept free of weeds and maintained in a neat fashion.
2. During most of the year, your lawn should be mowed at a healthy length for the current weather conditions. Lawns should never exceed 6 inches in length.
3. If garden beds and planting areas are included on your property, they must be kept weeded and/or mulched to present a neat appearance from the street or the neighbor's view
4. The boulevard should maintain a mowed appearance at least eight feet from the curb or to the tree line or landscaped area. You, as the homeowner are responsible for all of the boulevard area on your entire lot. **Once a home is built on a lot, The Woodlands of Livonia HOA will no longer maintain the boulevard area.**
5. Grass clippings should be blown out of the street, driveways and walking trails after each mowing as they clog the drainage system and look untidy.
6. Leaves should be blown from the street, driveways, walking trails and boulevards throughout fall when possible to avoid clogging the drainage system throughout the winter and spring.
7. Trimming should be completed around mailboxes, lamp posts, retaining walls, and other landscaped areas.
8. When possible sprinkler systems should be monitored to ensure that mailboxes, signage, lamp posts and walking trails are not being sprayed causing discoloration and accelerated deterioration.
9. Attempts should be made to keep brush and poison ivy away from the walking trails that are within the homeowner's lot.
10. Landscaping materials such as stone borders should be kept a minimum of one foot from the paved walking trail allowing for a safe and hazard-free snow removal. Loose landscaping rocks may be picked up and thrown potentially hurting someone or damaging a home. Broken windows in winter make a very cold and expensive problem that can be avoided.
11. In addition, please remember any changes and/or improvements to landscaping must be requested for approval from the ACC Committee using the form provided in this handbook or using a fillable version found on the WOL HOA website.