

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LAWN CARE CONTRACTORS

*To maintain the beauty and consistency of the Royal Oaks Country Club common grounds and the homeowner lawns within our community, the Royal Oaks Landscape Committee has outlined a set of instructions and recommendations to help you do your work. These guidelines should not be viewed as adding to contractor workload, but as providing more structure and consistency to work that is already being provided.*

- **GRASS.** Only approved grass for ALL FRONT lawns in Royal Oaks is either TIF 419 BERMUDA or Zoysia. Only approved grass for front and back lawns on the golf course is either TIF 419 BERMUDA or Zoysia (either Zeon or Zorro varieties). No other grass, such as St. Augustine, will be allowed on any front lawns, or any front or back lawns on the golf course.
- **TREES.** If you replace existing trees in your customer's yard, please make every effort to follow the Royal Oaks Design Guidelines.

## RECOMMENDED DO'S.

1. **Manage turf to control weeds.** The main offenders are dove weed, sedge and torpedo grass (pictured on the back of this sheet). You must be able to recognize these weeds and either spray or pull them from lawns. Too many of these weeds can result in fines for homeowners. Weed control management should include:
  - Two applications of pre-emergent, spring and fall.
  - Application of post-emergent as needed, a minimum of four times a year.
  - Turf fertilization three times a year (thicker grass means fewer weeds).
  - Do not use rye grass in the fall. Using the grass will result in a fine for the owner.
  - Keep mower blades clean and sharp.
  - Treat weeds in hardscape as well as lawn.
2. **Trees and Shrubs.**
  - Maintain neat, trimmed appearance.
  - Low limbs on trees should be removed annually.
  - Fertilize three times per year.
  - Weed flower beds weekly.
3. **Irrigation.**
  - Review operation of installed equipment quarterly.
4. **Entry/Exit and Clean-up.**
  - Entry and exit to the community should always be via the Westpark South gate
  - Close all gates when you finish your work. Open gates allow pets to escape.
  - Clean up the street when you are through. Blowing your debris down the storm drain or in front of the house next door may result in a fine.

## RECOMMENDED DON'TS.

1. **Do not block mailboxes** with your trucks or equipment. Mail carriers may not deliver mail if you do.

2. If possible, **do not park** your equipment directly across from other vehicles parked on the street, making it difficult for moving vehicles to get through. Do not park on curbs; heavy equipment causes damage.
3. **Do not unhook your trailers** while in the community. It may result in a “boot” on the equipment so it cannot be moved, and a fine for you.

*On behalf of our residents, the Royal Oaks Landscape Committee wants to thank you for your effort to help maintain the beauty and consistency of our community.*



*Dove weed*



*Nut sedge*



*Torpedo grass*



*St. Augustine*

**SMALL TREES (general range of 6-12 feet)**

Crape myrtle – Cherokee  
 Fringetree  
 Hawthorn  
 Holly – American  
 Holly - Possumhaw  
 Ligustrum - tiered

Magnolia - little gem  
 Maple - Shantung  
 Pistache - Texas  
 Plum - Mexican  
 Redbud - Eastern  
 Satsuma – Mandarin

**MEDIUM TREES (general range of 12-20 feet)**

Blueberry - Japanese  
 Crape myrtle – Comanche  
 Crape myrtle - Sioux  
 Crape myrtle - Tuskegee  
 Elm - Lacebark  
 Cedar - Eastern red  
 Holly - East Palatka  
 Holly – Savannah

Laurelcherry – Caroline  
 Ligustrum - tree  
 Maple - red  
 Pear - Bradford  
 Pear - evergreen  
 Plum - purple leaf  
 Vitex (also called Chaste tree, lavender tree or Texas lilac)

**LARGE TREES (20+ feet)**

Birch - river  
 Crape myrtle - Basham's party pink  
 Crape myrtle - Biloxi  
 Crape myrtle - Muskogee  
 Crape myrtle - Natchez  
 Crape myrtle - Tuscarora  
 Magnolia - Southern  
 Maple - red Drummond  
 Oak – Chinquapin

Oak - Lacey  
 Oak - Laurel  
 Oak - Live\*  
 Oak - Nuttall  
 Oak - Sawtooth  
 Oak - Shumard red  
 Oak - Water oak  
 Pistache - Chinese

\*Large lots are required for live oak trees. The roots will damage foundations and other concrete pourings